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DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
REBUSET JANUARY THREE, LAST, RE INTERVIEW OF NEIGHBORS OF ALGER HISS,
WASHINGTON, D. C., JOHN O'BRIEN, WIFE MADASSAH, WHO LIVED AT ONE TWO
FOUR SEVEN THIRTIETH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC, IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT
AND THIRTYNINE, POSSIBLY EARLIER. ALGER HISS LIVED AT ONE TWO FOUR FIVE
THIRTIETH STREET, NW, FROM JULY ONE, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX UNTIL JANUARY FOUR,
NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. MAIL CARRIER RECALLS THAT O'BRIEN MOVED TO NYC
ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY AND WAS TO BE EMPLOYED AS AN ATTORNEY FOR TIME
MAGAZINE. NY WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW IN LINE WITH RECENT
BUREAU LETTER.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
NINETEEN FORTYTWO INCOME TAX FORM OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS REFLECTS
CONTRIBUTION TO THE A. M. FOX SCHOLARSHIP FUND. NINETEEN FORTYTWO DASH
FORTYTWO EDITION OF WHO'S WHO, SHOWS ONE ADAMIAN LANDEL FOX, WIFE
DOROTHY CONVISSOR FOX, RESIDING AT THREE NAUGHT NAUGHT TWO P STREET,
NW, WASHINGTON, DC. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SEVEN EIGHT
MANHATTAN AVENUE, NUMBER ONE A, NYC, IN MAY, NINETEEN FORTYTWO. MR.
FOX BELIEVED DECEASED. MRS. FOX BELIEVED A PERSONAL FRIEND OF HISS FAMILY.
INTERVIEW MR. FOX RE A. M. FOX SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN
TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE ORIGINATING FROM HISS HOUSEHOLD. INASMUCH AS
MRS. FOX IS A FORMER NEIGHBOR, INTERVIEW SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN BULET DATED JANUARY THREE, LAST.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.

REURTEL JANUARY SIX, LAST. JESSE S. ROGERS, WHO RESIDES AT FOUR CLEMONT,

GARRETT PARK, MARYLAND, WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT,

JANUARY TWELVE, LAST. ASCERTAINED TODAY THAT ROGERS DIED IN HIS SLEEP

AT ELEVEN P.M., JANUARY TWELVE, LAST. SUGGEST YOU DETERMINE FULL

CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH. WFO WILL TELEPHONICALLY RELAY SAME

TO HARTSVILLE RESIDENCY.

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WASHINGTON 15 AND NEW YORK 6 FROM BOSTON 13 3-01 P

URGENT
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ALGER HISS, ET AL, PERJURY,

ESPIONAGE R, IS R. RETEL DIRECTOR TO BOSTON AND NY JANUARY TEN LAST, REQUESTING DEAN GRISWOLD, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, BE CONTACTED FOR ANY TYPEWRITTEN DOCUMENTS. DEAN GRISWOLD ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE WAS PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED BY AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE HCUA ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO AT WHICH TIME A SEARCH OF HIS OWN PERSONAL FILES AS WELL AS THOSE OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY TYPEWRITTEN DOCUMENTS EMANATING FROM ALGER HISS. A PROSPECTUS WAS OBTAINED BY DEAN GRISWOLD FROM THE HARVARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND WAS TURNED OVER TO THE HCUA INVESTIGATOR. DEAN GRISWOLD STATES THAT HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THIS PROSPECTUS WILL BE RETURNED. THIS PROSPECTUS WAS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED IN BOSTON REPORT OF SA FREDERICK M. CONNORS DATED JANUARY THIRD, FORTY NINE, AND TYPEWRITING IS CONFINED TO THE NAME, ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION OF ALGER HISS. THE PROSPECTUS IS DATED APRIL, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. DEAN GRISWOLD HAS AGREED TO NOTIFY THIS BOSTON OFFICE IN THE EVENT THIS PROSPECTUS IS RETURNED BY THE HCUA INVESTIGATOR.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS NEW YORK, WASHINGTON FIELD, AND BALTIMORE

U R G E N T

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.
RENYTEL JANUARY TWELVE LAST. MRS. BERTHA I. ~~X~~HISS, THREE NAUGHT TWO
EAST PARK AVENUE, CHARLOTTE, AUNT OF ALGER HISS, ON INTERVIEW TODAY
ADVISED THAT IN NINETEEN TWENTYNINE WHILE VISITING SISTER-IN-LAW,
MISS LUCY ~~X~~HISS, TWO NAUGHT SIX UPNORROAD, HOMELAND, BALTIMORE, MD.,
ALGER HISS CALLED FOR BRIEF VISIT AND THAT SHE HAS SEEN HIM ONLY
ONCE SINCE THAT TIME APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO WHILE VISITING SAME
ADDRESS AT BALTIMORE. SHE HAS MAINTAINED NO CONTACT WITH ALGER HISS
OTHER THAN THESE VISITS EXCEPT FOR A CHRISTMAS GEETING CARD WHICH
SHE RECEIVED FROM HIM TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO WHICH SHE BELIEVED WAS
HANDWRITTEN. SHE WILL EXAMINE HER PERSONAL EFFECTS TO LOCATE THIS
CARD, IF POSSIBLE, AND IF TYPEWRITTEN, WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY. MRS.
~~X~~BERTHA ~~X~~HISS IS IN POSSESSION OF TWO TYPEWRITTEN LETTERS DATED JULY
SECOND AND SEPTEMBER THIRTY, FORTYEIGHT, FROM MISS LUCY ~~X~~HISS, TWO
NAUGHT SIX UPNOR ROAD, BALTIMORE, WHICH SHE DECLINED TO MAKE AVAILABLE
DUE TO PRESENT SERIOUS ILLNESS OF LUCY AND EXPECTED DEMISE. SHE
INFORMED THAT LUCY IS APPROXIMATELY NINETY YEARS OF AGE AND OWNS
SMALL PORTABLE TYPEWRITER ON WHICH THESE LETTERS WERE WRITTEN AND
THAT SHE KNEW OF NO TYPEWRITERS OWNED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
FAMILY. SHE STATED THAT SHE DESIRED TO COOPERATE WITH INTERESTED

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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THAT SHE MAY MAKE THESE LETTERS AVAILABLE AT A LATER TIME. SHE HAS NEVER VISITED IN ALGER HISS HOME, HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A TYPEWRITER OWNED BY HIM AND IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH HIS ASSOCIATES OR FRIENDS. CONSIDERATION FOR TAKING SPECIMENS FROM TYPEWRITER OWNED BY MISS LUCY HISS AT BALTIMORE, MD., IS BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE BUREAU AND THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R.
RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE JAN. SEVEN, FORTY-NINE. DESCRIPTION OF TOURIST
HOME AT THOMASTON, CONN. SET FORTH REFERENCED TEL. IS NOT ACCORDING
TO CHAMBERS, IDENTICAL WITH TOURIST HOME HE STAYED AT IN THIRTY-EIGHT.
ACCORDING TO CHAMBERS, HE, ACCOMPANIED BY ALGER HISS AND PRICILLA HISS,
LEFT NYC AND FOLLOWED ROUTE TWO ZERO TWO INTO THOMASTON. RECALLS
THEY ENTERED TOWN FROM THE SOUTH AND WENT TO CENTER OF TOWN WHICH
HAS, AS CHAMBERS DESCRIBED, A SQUARE OR GREEN WITH A ROAD LEADING
OFF THIS GREEN AT AN ANGLE FROM NEAR THE PLACE WHERE ROUTE TWO ZERO
TWO MEETS THE GREEN. THE TOURIST HOME WAS LOCATED ON THIS ROAD
LEADING OFF GREEN ABOUT A BLOCK OR TWO FROM THE CENTER OF TOWN.
CHAMBERS DESCRIBED THE TOURIST HOME AS WHITE FRAME BUILDING, AT LEAST
FIFTY YEARS OLD AND SITUATED ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE ROAD TRAVELING
AWAY FROM THE GREEN. THIS WAS A PRIVATE HOME CONSISTING OF PROBABLY
SIX OR SEVEN ROOMS AND OPERATED BY AN AMERICAN WOMAN. VAGUELY RECALLS
THAT THE AREA NEAR THE TOURIST HOME HAD NUMEROUS SHADE TREES. SUGGEST
THAT ADDITIONAL EFFORTS BE MADE TO LOCATE INSTANT TOURIST HOME AND
GUEST REGISTER.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK.....ROUTINE

JAY DAVID WHITAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE /R/,
IS /R/. RE WFO TELETYPE TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK JANUARY FIFTH, NINETEEN
FORTY NINE, ADVISING ALGER HISS REPORTEDLY AMATEUR ORNITHOLOGIST AND
REQUESTING PRESENT AND PAST MEMBERSHIP ROLLS OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS
BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE IF HISS EVER HELD MEMBERSHIP. A CHECK WITH
EACH ORGANIZATION AND INDIVIDUALS NAMED FAILS TO REFLECT MEMBERSHIP OF
ALGER HISS IN ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATION AND A CHECK OF ORGANIZATIONAL
FILES ALSO FAILS TO REFLECT RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM ALGER HISS.
PROFESSOR LUDLOW GRISCOM, OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY, SUGGEST THAT THE NATION-
AL AUDUBON SOCIETY, ONE THOUSAND FIFTH AVENUE, NYC, BE CONTACTED FOR
POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP OF ALGER HISS IN THIS ORGANIZATION.

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SAC NEW YORK

JANUARY 11, 1949

①
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL; PERJURY: ESPIONAGE - R. REURTEL,
JANUARY TWELVE LAST ADVISING CHAMBERS STATED HE NEVER SAW ASIMOV. ADVISE
WHETHER CONFRONTATION CHAMBERS AND ASIMOV HAS BEEN MADE. BUREAU FILES REFLECT
THAT IN NINETEEN FORTY-TWO AND FORTY-FIVE CHAMBERS STATED HE MET ONE AZIMOV
(PHONETIC) IN COMPANY OF PETER. IF CONFRONTATION HAS NOT BEEN MADE CHAMBERS'
MEMORY SHOULD BE REFRESHED WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENTS AND CONFRONTATION ARRANGED
MONDAY IF ASIMOV IN NEW YORK CITY. IF ASIMOV HAS NOW LEFT NEW YORK CITY AND
CONFRONTATION HAS NOT BEEN MADE LOSANGELES SHOULD OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF ASIMOV
TAKEN IN MID NINETEEN THIRTIES TO BE SHOWN CHAMBERS.

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SAC, RICHMOND

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESP DASH R, IS DASH R.
FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM WFO TODAY. QUOTE JOHN TRUMBO,
WASHINGTON, DC, ADVISED THAT MISS CATHERINE WHITE, COLONIAL BEACH,
VIRGINIA, HAS IN HER POSSESSION WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER, SERIAL NUMBER
N TWO TWO TWO THREE ONE NAUGHT. INTERVIEW MISS WHITE, OBTAIN SPECIMEN
OF TYPEWRITING, AND FORWARD SAME TO FBI LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH
KNOWN WRITINGS OF HISS MACHINE. NY ORIGIN. UNQUOTE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: January 13, 1949

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
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At 11:25 a.m. today, Special Agent Kenneth Delavigne of the Washington Field Office telephonically advised that Jesse S. Rogers, an employee of the War Department who was interviewed for approximately two hours yesterday by Agents of the Washington Field Office, reportedly died in his sleep last night. Mr. Delavigne stated that Rogers was interviewed at his office in the War Department on the afternoon of January 12, 1949, by Special Agents Robert McCaslin and Paul Tierney. According to the Agents, Rogers was obviously not furnishing the information he had in his possession and to almost every pertinent question he would reply that he could not recall. The Agents, upon taking their leave, asked him to make every effort to recall the answers to the questions that they had asked him. He stated he would do so and arrangements were made to reinterview him today.

In connection with the interview of Rogers, it is noted that Whittaker Chambers was interviewed on December 8, 1948, at New York City. He advised that while functioning as a courier for the Communist Party underground he was introduced to William Ward Pigman, probably in 1936. Subsequent to meeting Pigman in the latter part of 1936 or early 1937, Pigman began furnishing Chambers documentary material from the Bureau of Standards. This activity on the part of Pigman continued, according to Chambers, until April, 1938. William Ward Pigman was subsequently interviewed by Bureau Agents and denied engaging in any activity as alleged by Chambers and denied knowing Chambers. It is noted that Pigman is presently employed as a Research Chemist in the American Paper Institute, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Subsequent investigation of Pigman conducted on the instructions of the Department determined that Jesse S. Rogers was an employee of the Bureau of Standards and closely associated with William Ward Pigman in the early 1930's. One of the individuals interviewed to date in Washington, D. C., concerning Pigman's previous associates at the National Bureau of Standards advised that he attended discussion meetings at Pigman's residence in Washington, D. C. in the early 1930's, that Rogers also attended these meetings and that the views of both Pigman and Rogers were radical.

ACTION:

The Washington Field Office has advised that discreet inquiries will be made to determine whether Rogers committed suicide and the Bureau will be kept currently advised with respect to all developments concerning his death.

ADDENDUM: Mr. Delavigne of the Washington Field Office called in at 1:25 p.m. and stated that inquiry conducted by the Baltimore Office had reflected that Mrs. Rogers had called the Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department at 7:05 a.m. this morning stating that she found her husband dead in bed. The

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Memorandum for the Director

Montgomery County Police called the coroner who ordered the body taken to the funeral home. There it was ascertained that Rogers had died of coronary occlusion.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
January 12 - 1949

Director, FBI

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al.
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R; ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Re New York teletype to the Bureau, Washington Field and Los Angeles dated January 7, 1949, in which the Los Angeles Office was requested to obtain a picture of JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN so that it could be displayed to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

The records of the Yellow Cab Company, 1408 W. Third Street, Los Angeles, California, contain one small photograph, front view, of JOHN L. SHERMAN which was taken in January, 1943. The original photograph was obtained and a copy of it in its original size and an enlarged copy were made. One small photograph and one enlarged photograph are being forwarded with this letter to the offices indicated below.

The records of the Yellow Cab Company reflect that when JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN made application for the position of driver, he furnished the following personal background information:

Age	47
Born	October 19, 1895, New York City
Height	5'7"
Weight	155
Nationality	American
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Address	1126 1/2 N. Alexandria, Los Angeles
Social Security No.	550-12-5520
Length of residence in Los Angeles	11 years
Relatives	Wife - ALMA SHERMAN Father - DAVID (not living) Mother - ESTER (not living) Brother - WILLIAM; sister - SYRA

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD, SAC

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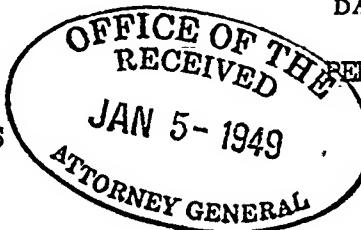
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATE: January 4, 1949

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
was, et al
Perjury
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

See if you can find out who told Pearson

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 22, 1948, in which you were furnished information concerning Laurence Duggan.

During the interview with Duggan by agents of this Bureau on December 10, 1948, Duggan stated that he was approached by two individuals to furnish information for the use of the Soviets or the Communist International, when he was employed by the State Department. One of these persons was Frederick Vanderbilt Field. He stated that Field was a classmate of his at Harvard and he recalled that Field approached him for this information some time during the years 1936 or 1937. He stated he could not recall the words used by Field in this connection but stated there was no question in his mind as to the meaning of Field's words. He advised that he turned down the proposition made to him by Field.

On December 30, 1948, Frederick Vanderbilt Field was interviewed at New Hartford, Connecticut, and he stated that he desired to consult his attorney prior to making any statements. He advised that he planned to consult with his attorney early the following week and would then contact the New York Office of this Bureau relative to discussing this matter.

Field was interviewed on January 3, 1949, at his office in the presence of his attorney, Harold E. Cammer, a partner of Nathaniel Witt. At the outset of the interview, Field requested to be furnished with a complete transcript of the interview made by agents of this Bureau with Laurence Duggan on December 10, 1948. When the agents refused to furnish him with this transcript, Field advised that upon advice received from his attorney, he had prepared a statement which reads as follows:

"On Sunday, December 26, 1948, Attorney General Tom C. Clark, during a television interview, stated, according to the press of the following day, that Laurence Duggan had informed the F.B.I. that he was approached ten years ago "by two persons" in connection with an alleged Communist espionage ring, but that he had repulsed them both. The Attorney General did not identify the two persons further. The matter of identification was left to Drew Pearson, who during his regular Sunday night broadcast that same night, alleged that Laurence Duggan had informed the F.B.I. that some woman and myself were these two persons. This was the first I had even heard of these charges. After the information, which Laurence Duggan is alleged to have given the F.B.I. concerning me had thus been given nationwide publicity, necessarily with F.B.I. connivance, two agents of the F.B.I. called upon me at my home in New Hartford, Connecticut, on December 30, 1948, and indicated

cc-Mr. Alexander M. Campbell
Assistant Attorney General

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that they wished to question me regarding the alleged information concerning me which had been attributed to Laurence Duggan. I arranged to meet the agents of the F.B.I. at my office in New York City on January 3, 1949, at 4:30 p.m. At that time I requested them to permit me to see a transcript of the alleged statements concerning me which they attributed to Mr. Duggan. This they refused to do. In view of my conviction that Mr. Duggan could not and did not make statements concerning me of the character and innuendo leaked by the F.B.I., in view of the refusal of the F.B.I. agents to disclose in context the statements concerning me which are attributed to Mr. Duggan, and in order to avoid any misunderstanding or distortion such as has apparently been generated in this case, I prepared this statement which I delivered to the agents at the meeting referred to. Laurence Duggan was for many years a personal friend of mine. We were classmates at Harvard, in the class of 1927, roomed in the same group and were both officers of our class. After college we kept up our acquaintance by seeing each other occasionally. Our relationship was one of long term friendship nothing more. I do not and cannot believe that Mr. Duggan made the statements concerning me which the F.B.I. has, by leaks and indirection, accused him. I deny categorically any implication that I was at any time involved in any form of espionage, that I violated or attempted to violate any official secrets, or that I attempted to obtain from Mr. Duggan confidential information of any sort. I regard the action of the F.B.I. in the circumstances as grossly improper and most unfair."

After the interviewing agents perused Field's statement, they advised Field that no leak had been made to Mr. Drew Pearson by this Bureau. Field advised that his prepared statement would be his only comment concerning this entire matter.

I thought you would be interested in the above information and I want to point out to you that, of course, no information of any kind has been made available to Mr. Pearson by any representative of this Bureau.

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INVESTIGATIONS

Two Men

Two men were being swept along last week by an onrush of events which were now well beyond their control—or the control of any other individual. They were two men of more than ordinary intelligence—well educated, quiet men caught in what one of them described as a “tragedy of history.” Their paths first crossed



CHAMBERS
A simple answer...

13 years ago; but their separate stories began much earlier: one in a commercial artist's household in Philadelphia, the other in a dry-goods merchant's respectable home in Baltimore.

The Profanist. Whittaker Chambers was born in 1901 in Philadelphia, the elder of two sons of Jay Chambers, who made a precarious living as a commercial artist. The family stock was a mixture of Dutch, German, French and English. When young Whittaker was three, his family moved to Lynbrook, L.I., where Mrs. Chambers raised chickens and vegetables to piece out the family income. As a child, Chambers slaughtered fowl and peddled vegetables. He was a boy of insatiable curiosity who read Dosztoevsky's *Crime and Punishment* at eleven; and he read George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* at thirteen. He was a quiet, thoughtful boy, but his mind was already turning to the problems of the world.

Rockville Centre, and then, rather than go to college, which his mother wanted him to do, went south to look for a job. He got one in Washington working on the street railway tracks. From there he went to New Orleans, found no job at all.

Broke and hungry, he returned home, listened to his mother's advice and set out for Williams College. Already a cynical, worldly young man, he took one look at what he recalled later as “those young collegiate faces,” stayed one night and decided to try Columbia University in New York. He was there two years. He wrote poetry, edited the literary *Morningside*, and shocked the campus by bringing out a blasphemous, so-called “Profanist” issue in which he wrote a story dealing “objectionably” with the Resurrection. A student committee invited the editor to resign. He left college and went off to Europe.

“Grease the Guillotine.” He found Germany bankrupt, its economy collapsing. One night in Berlin he heard a Communist mob marching under his window singing: “Grease the guillotine with the fat of tyrants . . . Blood must flow.” It seemed to him that Western civilization was dying.

The U.S. to which he returned was celebrating the Jazz Age; and drinking bootleg gin. Chambers' brother Richard, to whom he was deeply attached, committed suicide. He visited Richard's grave one winter day and found it covered with ice. He wrote: “The cold earth holds him round, a sheet of ice is over his face. My brother has no more the cold rain to face.”

Intellectually and morally frustrated, looking for a creed, he read the entire Socialist writings of Sidney & Beatrice Webb, discarded them as impractical. One of his young Columbia friends put a copy of the Communist *Manifesto* in his hands. To Chambers, it was an awakening.

“The Evil Thing.” He was to explain later to the House Un-American Activities Committee how Marxism could appeal not only to the bitter young intellectual but to more or less sheltered middle-class persons as well. They were attracted, he said, “by the very vigor of the project.” They felt “a great intellectual concern—an almost Christian concern—for the underprivileged, for economic crises, for the problem of war. They say: ‘What shall I do?’ At that crossroad the evil thing, Communism, lay in wait with a simple answer.”

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means to a clear and simple end. In 1924, he joined the Communist Party in New York. For the next 14 years, as he admitted later, he lived a lie—a disloyal citizen plotting against his country.*

He was a find for the party—a taciturn, even secretive man, an awkward, fiery writer, a self-taught linguist who read and spoke German, French, Spanish and Italian. He wrote for the *Daily Worker*, became its foreign news editor, finally (while



Hiss
... at a crossroads

Cartoonist Robert Minor was listed at the top of the masthead) became its editor in fact. On the side he did translations. Two of his translations (from the German) were Franz Werfel's *The Song of Bernadette* and Felix Salten's *Baron Sagan*. In 1939, disturbed by reports of Stalin's heavy-handed tactics and stories of the first party purges, he quit the *Worker* and in defiance

* All through the 1930s the Communist Party in America was thought of as a party of American Communists, as being critical of the U.S. but not actively hostile to it. The U.S. had recognized Russia, had not yet recognized that all Communists' allegiance is to Moscow, that they are therefore disloyal citizens of every non-Communist country. No major U.S. political leader, from F.D.R. to any of his political opponents, ever suggested that the Communist Party be outlawed. It was a legal party, then—and still is today (although some states bar it from the ballot).

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of party discipline lit out for the Midwest.

He did not abandon Communism, however, and returned to New York. He had met and married a young labor organizer and painter named Esther Shemitz. They set up housekeeping in a poverty-stricken tenement on the East Side.

His great effort now was on proletarian fiction, published in the Communists' intellectual organ, the *New Masses*. His stories, full of romanticism and melodrama, were a summons to violence. Moscow was enraptured, cited him as "the first writer to introduce the Bolshevik into American writing."

The Man in the Linen Suit. In 1932 the party ordered him to go underground—in other words, wipe out his identity and become a secret agent, a spy. His wife cried; he himself was reluctant. But like any good Communist, he obeyed. The *New Masses'* Whittaker Chambers vanished. A man known simply as "Carl" appeared in the Red "cells" and in the innermost circles of the Communist underground. He buried his identity so successfully that some of his accomplices thought he was a Russian; one of them was positive that he was a Russian ex-colonel. The little boy who had peddled vegetables in Lynbrook became a skillful and consecrated agent of a Communist "apparatus."

One of the apparatus' assignments was to infiltrate the U.S. Government with Communist Party members. One day in Washington, in the summer of 1935, a dumpy little man, feeling self-conscious in the first white linen suit he had ever worn, confronted a tall, well-dressed young Government attorney. The little man was Whittaker Chambers; the other was Alger Hiss.

The Bright Star. Alger Hiss was born in Baltimore in 1904, the fourth of five children of Charles Alger Hiss, whose father had been a great admirer of Horatio Alger. Alger's father, a wholesale dry-goods merchant, committed suicide when Alger was three years old. Later, one of his sisters also took her own life.

The Hisses lived in a respectable Baltimore neighborhood. Young Alger peddled spring water to the neighbors and raised and sold squabs. He went to camp in Maine, attended P.S. 14, a city high school, and finally entered Johns Hopkins University.

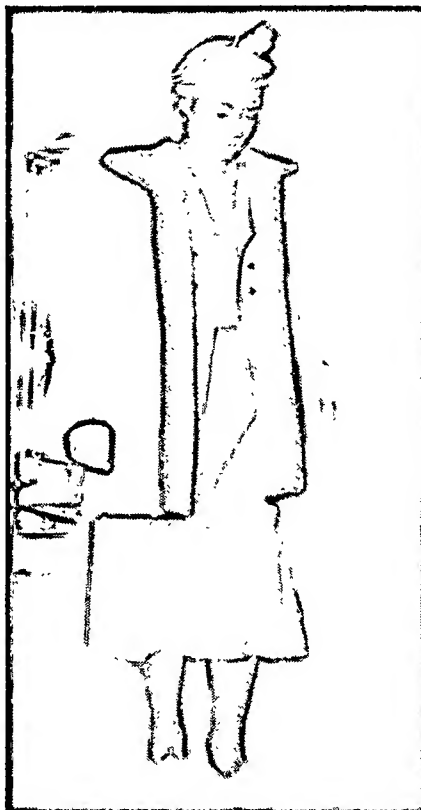
There, a quiet, good-looking young man with an easy charm, he shone with a luster that is still remembered. He ran on the track team, headed the dramatic society, edited the campus daily, became colonel in the R.O.T.C., belonged to the best fraternity, won a Phi Beta Kappa key and was voted "most popular, best handshaker, best all around."

Said the yearbook: "Alger must be the most cultured and learned bozo in this neck of the woods. Many and various are the discussions that we have had with him. Many and various the topics—they range from Soviet to style, from liberty

to liquor, from guelphs to Goodnow [Frank J. Goodnow, then president of Johns Hopkins]. And like Socrates we admit our ignorance in the force of his irresistible logic and rhetoric."

After he graduated, Hiss went to Harvard Law School. There he was on the staff of the *Harvard Law Review*. Hiss's star continued to rise. He studied under Felix Frankfurter, graduated *cum laude*, and went to Washington to serve for a year as secretary to the late great Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Path of Honor. After three years of private practice in New York and Boston, Hiss went back to Washington as an as-



Mrs. Hiss
Birds along the Potomac.

sistant general counsel in the AAA in Henry Wallace's Department of Agriculture. There he attracted the attention of Senator Gerald P. Nye, who was just starting his munitions investigations. Hiss served as a legal assistant through that sensational probe, then moved over to the Solicitor General's office.

By this time he was married and living quietly in Georgetown. His wife was Priscilla Fensler, a Quaker, the daughter of an insurance man. She was known as "Prossy." She had lived on Philadelphia's "Main Line" and had graduated from Bryn Mawr in 1924. She had worked as a copy

Anthony. They were an attractive, retiring couple, although some people thought Hiss's manner arrogant. The Hisses were usually the first to leave a party, preferring the company of a small circle of friends, or merely each other's company at home, reading or listening to music, or taking bird walks along the Potomac. Alger was an amateur ornithologist.

This was the path of apparent probity and honor which crossed Whittaker Chambers' path on that summer day in 1935. Chambers was to testify later that Hiss was already a member of a Washington Communist cell, that he and Hiss became fast friends, and that subsequently Hiss, with the help of Mrs. Hiss, began feeding secret Government documents into the Communist apparatus. Hiss was to deny the whole accusation with cold contempt. He and Prossy knew Chambers, he said, but only as a free-lance writer named "George Crosley" who had come to him to write an article on the Nye Committee.

General Secretary. Alger Hiss's ascendant star did not pause. In 1936 he went into the Department of State, where he worked under Assistant Secretary Francis B. Sayre, first on the Trade Agreement Act, then in the offices of Far Eastern affairs and special political affairs. In 1944 he served as executive secretary at the Dumbarton Oaks conference which laid the foundation for the United Nations.

In 1945, he went to Yalta with Franklin Roosevelt and helped draft the agreements which came out of that conference. Later that year he was general secretary at U.N.'s founding conference at San Francisco. Conferees unanimously commended him for the way in which he directed proceedings and managed the agenda. He was given the honor of carrying the U.N. charter to Washington for deposit in the Federal Archives.

Charges Denied. There were some vague stories about him. Secretary of State Byrnes was disturbed by reports that some Congressmen were going to accuse Hiss of being a Communist. Byrnes asked Hiss about it, told him the charges centered "from the FBI." Hiss went to the FBI and denied the charges categorically.

They cropped up again. In 1946 Hiss was proposed as president of the \$10 million Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, whose major objective now is informing the public about U.N. John Foster Dulles, Thomas Dewey's advisers for the Carnegie job, asked him again about the charges. Again Hiss categorically denied them. He was elected to the job, which was enough to cap any public servant's career.

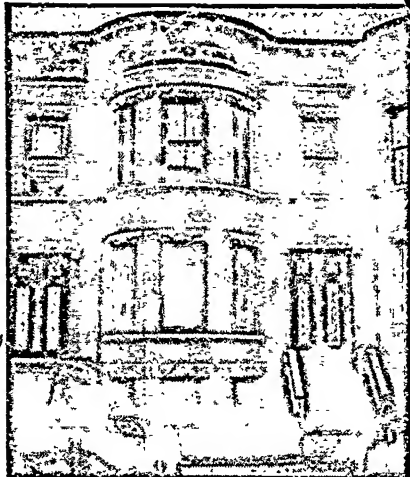
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THE HOUSE IN BROOKLYN

*March 3 Johnson H. S. change at
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whether escalation was eventually
decided on or not he would not
change his plans for cruising this
year and in any case new battle ships
would not be laid down before the
end of the current year.*



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NATHAN LEVINE

THE MEMO

A dusty package in the dumbwaiter shaft.

munism. He had learned what all men learn sooner or later, that the agents of the Kremlin are assassins not only of men's bodies but of their minds and hearts. In fear and revulsion he quit the party. He was to testify later that he had tried to persuade Alger and Prossy to pull out with him, that Prossy indignantly rejected the idea, that Hiss had wept but had refused.

Chambers and his family, his wife Esther and their children Ellen and John, went into hiding. "I was a faceless man," he said. He moved in a shadowy world of terror, carrying a gun. Finally he emerged cautiously from the shadows to begin a new life. In 1937 he had bought a small farm near Westminster, Md., which Hiss himself had once thought of buying.

As quietly as they could, the Chambers family settled into this haven. Chambers began his way back through the profession he knew best. He ventured into New York's literary world, did some research, reviewed some books and in April 1939 was hired to review books by TIME.

The Informer. To some of his colleagues, his fear of Communism seemed a morbid preoccupation, a kind of King Charles's head. He was valued, nevertheless, not only for his firsthand knowledge of Communism but for his outstanding skill in writing and his wide cultural background. He had also become a genuinely religious man: a Quaker.

In 1939, a little while after he came to TIME, he went to Adolph Berle, then Assistant Secretary of State, and disclosed to him the names of certain men who he said were Communists working in the government. He gave the same information, in two interviews, to the FBI. Last summer, he made his dramatic tale public before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

But on none of these occasions did he say anything about the packet of stolen State Department papers which he had stashed away after he broke with the Party. When he brought forward his dusty bomb from Brooklyn, he raised a whole new clamor.

In the midst of that clamor last week, Chambers resigned as a senior editor of

TIME. "When TIME hired me in 1939," he wrote in his statement, "its editors knew that I was an ex-Communist; they did not know that espionage was involved . . . After nine years of work done in good conscience, I have been called upon to expose the darkest and most dangerous side of Communism—espionage. This can be done only if a man who knows the facts will stand up and tell them without regard to the cost or consequences to himself. I cannot share this indispensable ordeal with anyone."

TIME accepted the resignation, neither judging nor pre-judging his recent disclosures. "Against the admitted disservice to his country of a decade ago," said TIME, "must be set the service we are convinced he is trying to perform for his country now."

The Final Lines. This week Alger Hiss resigned his \$20,000-a-year Carnegie post. Legal proceedings, he said, "will occupy almost all of my time for some weeks to come." The trustees tabled the resignation



Associated Press
JULIAN WADLEIGH
A log cabin in Virginia.

and gave him a leave of absence with pay for three months.

Meanwhile Hiss clung staunchly to his impeccable role. If Chambers had lied, then Hiss had been incredibly maligned and made the victim of a monstrous slander. If Chambers spoke the truth, then Alger Hiss had led an almost incredibly clever double life. The two of them could do little more now than stand to one side, speaking their final lines, spectators more than actors in their own drama.

Three Rings

As if it were not complicated enough in itself, the Hiss-Chambers case had become a legal three-ring circus.

In the first ring was the House Un-American Activities Committee, which opened the case last summer when it subpoenaed Whittaker Chambers, heard him confess his past complicity and charge that Alger Hiss had also been a Communist.

After weeks of examining witnesses, the committee had more or less dropped the case, without having developed sufficient evidence to prove whether Hiss or Chambers was lying. But Alger Hiss did not drop the case. After Chambers repeated his charges over radio's *Meet the Press* program, Hiss filed a \$75,000 libel suit against Chambers in Baltimore's Federal Court. This was the second ring.

In the third ring was a New York federal grand jury, sworn in 18 months ago to investigate spies and subversive activities.* It had paid little attention to the Hiss-Chambers case, although it had heard testimony from both men last summer. After Chambers had produced the stolen State Department documents and after the House committee had obtained the "pumpkin papers," the grand jury moved in rapidly. On orders from Attorney General Tom Clark, U.S. Attorney John F. X. McGohey summoned Chambers and Hiss again, along with Hiss's wife, his brother,

and last July indicted twelve top Communist Party members on charges of conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the U.S. Government by force. Their trial, after four delays, is now set for Jan. Kisseloff-3732

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ATTORNEY MCGOHEY
A decision was needed.

and a parade of other witnesses and new suspects.

The Nub of the Matter. The grand jury and the House committee each truculently proclaimed its authority, competed for witnesses. Committeeman Richard Nixon said angrily that a whitewashing was in the making in the grand jury.

But the public had a right to think that the case was getting somewhere; that it was now in appropriate hands. Everyone could hope and expect that the case would be tried and decided by due process of law—and the first step in that process was action by the grand jury.

Beyond any shadow of doubt was one fact: that documents had been systematically stolen from the State Department. By whom? And for how long? Over & above the questions of Chambers' truthfulness and Hiss's innocence or guilt loomed the still dark answers to these larger questions.

"Holy Cow!" At week's end new light had been thrown into some murky corners.

One witness who appeared before the

House committee was Nathan Levine, a New York attorney and a nephew of Mrs. Chambers, who said he had been the innocent custodian of the papers for the past ten years. In 1938, he said, Chambers had given him a large manila envelope to keep, instructing him to open it if anything happened to Chambers and his wife. "You are a lawyer, and will know what to do," Chambers had said.

One day last month, Levine continued, he received a telegram from Chambers: "Arriving Sunday at 10 o'clock. Have my things ready." Levine said he was not sure what Chambers meant. When Chambers arrived, he reminded Levine of the envelope. Together they went to Levine's mother's house at 260 Rochester Avenue, Brooklyn, where Levine had hidden the envelope on top of an unused dumbwaiter shaft. Levine testified that Chambers blew



N.Y. Daily Mirror
"A WHALE OF A HERRING"
It was hard to let go.

the dust off the envelope, opened it, glanced at the contents and exclaimed: "Holy cow! I didn't think this still existed." Chambers then took the envelope back to his Maryland farm.

Man in a Cocoon. Two more men entered the case. Both had been accused by Chambers as having given him papers from Government offices. One of them was William Ward Pigman, former employee of the Bureau of Standards, now a chemist with the Institute of Paper Chemistry at Appleton, Wis. He was questioned only by the grand jury; in a public statement he denied the charge.

The other was Henry Julian Wadleigh, 44, former State Department economist. Wadleigh is the son of an Episcopal minister, father of three small children. Wadleigh lives in a still unfinished log cabin he is building in Vienna,

Va. After questioning by the grand jury, the committee subpoenaed him, hammered him with questions but got nowhere. He said he was not a Communist, but he refused to answer almost all other questions on the grounds that it would "tend to incriminate or degrade me."

This week the jury's term would expire. But a new jury, already called, would take over immediately. If the old jury failed to reach any conclusions—i.e., hand down any indictments—it would be the new jury's duty to press its search into the last and farthest corner of the mystery.

The Durable Herring

Repeatedly during the campaign, President Truman had charged that the House committee's investigation of the Hiss-Chambers case was nothing but a red herring to divert the voters' attention from campaign issues. But in view of the shocking new evidence, reporters trooping into Truman's press conference last week wondered what he would say now.

One of the first questions was whether the President thought that all arms of the Government should now be devoted to finding out who stole the "pumpkin papers" from the State Department. Why, certainly, the President replied, with an expression indicating that he thought the question was silly. Well, had he given any instructions to the Justice Department? The Justice Department, the President replied, had standing instructions to enforce the law. But it had no specific presidential instructions on the Hiss-Chambers case.

From a political standpoint, Truman's previous red-herring charges were understandable. They had been made at a stage when the Hiss-Chambers case was largely a debate between the two men as to



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CONGRESSMAN NIXON
A whitewash is feared

* Chambers' cache of stolen documents was brought to light in two sections. On Nov. 17, while giving a deposition in the libel suit in Baltimore, he presented 47 exhibits (consisting of 65 sheets of paper). Of these, 43 were typewritten copies of State Department dispatches; four were handwritten memoranda (three in the handwriting of Alger Hiss—see cut—a fact which Hiss has not denied, though he denied giving them to Chambers. The "pumpkin papers" are the second part of the cache. This consisted of three metal capsules containing five rolls of microfilm, of which two rolls were developed and three undeveloped. One of the undeveloped rolls was light-struck. These were taken out of Chambers' pumpkin by House committee investigators on the night of Dec. 2. Chambers had put them there only that morning.

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whether they had ever known one another as fellow Communists. But, a reporter asked, did the President still think it was a red herring? He certainly did, Truman fired back—the Un-American Activities Committee was not prosecuting anybody, it was just after headlines.

It was clear that Harry Truman was having a hard time letting go of the red herring. Wrote the *Christian Science Monitor's* Washington chief, Roscoe Drummond: "If the latest results of the committee rightly can be called 'red-herring' stuff, why is the President even talking about arrests and Justice Department action? The truth is that this is not 'red-herring' stuff and the country deserves to have the Administration and the committee dealing with it seriously and soberly, and not with the back of the political wrist."

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
The Attorney General

December 13, 1948

Director, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
REPLY
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I thought you would be interested in knowing that the press is making inquiries concerning the FBI having cleared Alger Hiss while he was employed by the State Department. One of the stories the press has picked up is that "Then the former Secretary of State Dymally heard many rumors going around regarding Hiss, he referred the matter to the FBI who cleared Hiss." The press is also saying that John Foster Dulles, prior to the time he appointed Alger Hiss to the position of President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, took the matter up with the FBI, who cleared Hiss.

For your information if such statements have been made, they are entirely false since the FBI, as you know, never clears or charges anyone. Furthermore, a thorough review of the contents of the FBI files reflects that the FBI could not have cleared Hiss.

On September 2, 1939, Whittaker Chambers had a meeting with Adolph A. Berle, Jr., then Assistant Secretary of State, at which time Chambers revealed his activities in connection with an underground apparatus of the Communist Party in agencies of the United States Government from approximately 1937.

The following information appears in Mr. Berle's notes taken at the time of the interview with Chambers regarding Alger Hiss:

Alger Hiss

Asst to Secy - CP - 1937

Member of underground Com - active

Baltimore Days

Wife - Priscilla Hiss - Socialist

Early days of New Deal

Therefore, the State Department was on notice of Hiss' reported activities at that time.

In connection with the Canadian espionage case, Igor Gouzenko, former code clerk of the Soviet Embassy in Canada, stated that there was a Soviet agent in the State Department, whom he described as an Assistant of State, then the U. S. Secretary of State. Further details were not available. This information was first furnished to the FBI on September 10, 1949, by the [redacted] b7D

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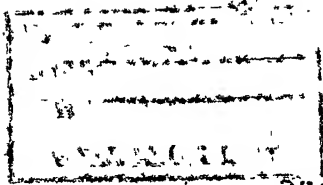
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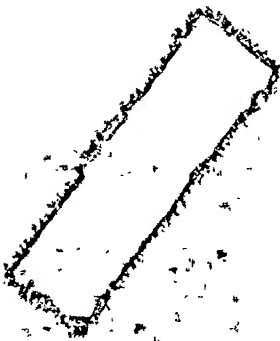
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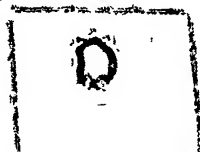
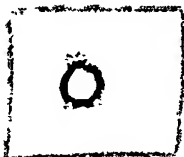
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On October 11, 1945, I had a conference with Under Secretary of State Dean Acheson and during my conversation with Mr. Acheson, he inquired as to whether I had any information concerning the identity of the person referred to by Guenico. I told Mr. Acheson that at that time we had not been able to definitely establish the identity of this man. He asked me if I had any suspects, I told him that we had one party in mind as a possible suspect, although there was no direct evidence to sustain this suspicion. I told him that the suspected man was Alger Hiss but that I did not feel it was the time to make any accusation as there was no direct proof of the same. Mr. Acheson stated that he would not mention Mr. Hiss' name to the Secretary of State as he assumed that I might do so in my talk with the Secretary of State. I told Mr. Acheson that I did not intend to mention Hiss' name to the Secretary of State because of the vagueness of the suspicion. 61-3499-181

On November 15, 1945, I had a conference with Secretary of State Byrnes at the request of the President in order to discuss the Gregory Case and the Canadian espionage case. During this conference, I mentioned the names of a number of individuals who were named by Elizabeth Bentley as being engaged in Soviet espionage. I did not mention Alger Hiss to the Secretary because he had not been definitely identified. 61-3499-192

On December 4, 1945, the Secretary of State was furnished with a summary entitled, "Soviet Espionage in the United States," dated November 27, 1945, which reflected the allegations of Elizabeth Bentley concerning Soviet espionage in agencies of the United States Government. This summary contained the information Bentley had given regarding Alger Hiss. A copy of this summary was made available to Mr. Spruille Braden of the State Department on December 7, 1945. 61-3499-198,200; 62-76274-196

On March 14, 1946, Mr. Hoams, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State Byrnes, advised an Agent of this Bureau that Alger Hiss was on the Secretary of State's "pending" list, and that Hiss was to be given no further consideration for promotion or assignment of responsible duties in the State Department, and that a study should be made of his case to determine if he could be dismissed summarily under Civil Service regulations. Mr. Hoams stated that Secretary Byrnes was of the definite opinion that Alger Hiss should be disposed of, but was concerned over the best manner in which to accomplish this. 101-2668-17

While I was discussing other matters with you on March 19, 1946, you advised me that Secretary of State Byrnes wanted to dismiss Alger Hiss, but had been told that he cannot do this without giving him a hearing as he was a Civil Service employee. At that time I advised you that I did not think a hearing would be wise as the material against Hiss was confidential and if it were not used there would not be enough evidence against him; that I thought the best thing the Secretary could do would be to move Hiss to an innocuous position where he would understand the situation and resign. I also suggested that the Secretary of State might desire to take Senators Connally and Vandenberg into his confidence as they are friends of Hiss and that they would understand the situation. You indicated that you would call the Secretary of State and tell him this. Memo from the Director to Messrs. Tolson, Tamm, Ladd and Clegg 3-19-46

During a conversation I had with you on March 20, 1946, the matter of Alger Hiss again came up, at which time you advised me that Secretary of State Byrnes proposed, if the Justice Department agreed, to call Alger Hiss in and inform him that complaints against him had been received without disclosing the source to him. I suggested to you that it seemed to me that since as Hiss is questioned, the questions will alert him as to the nature of the information the Bureau had about him. I indicated to you the possibility that Secretary Byrnes might use the Department of Justice as an alibi saying that he had called upon the Department of Justice to investigate Hiss and that following those investigations the Department of Justice had found nothing to warrant the dismissal of Hiss. I further pointed out that this would put the Justice Department in an awkward position and would be subjected to possible future criticism.

On the same day, I returned a call of Secretary of State Byrnes and I told him that I understood the position he was in, referring to the Hiss matter, but because of the fact that any interview with Hiss at that time would alert him and ruin an important espionage investigation, I would suggest that he contact several key men in the House and Senate, and explain his predicament to them, pointing out that he wanted their help in avoiding any criticism from "the Hill." Secretary of State Byrnes stated he thought this might be a solution to the problem and said he would call some of these men. Subsequently I advised you of my conversation with Secretary Byrnes and you expressed agreement with this proposal.

Memo from Dir. to Tolson, Tamm and Ladd 3-20-46

On March 21, 1946, Secretary Byrnes again contacted me concerning the Hiss matter and the Secretary stated that he had called Hiss in and asked him if he was ever a member of any organization with

subversive tendencies. Liss swore that he had never been a member of any such organization. During the course of the Secretary's talk with Liss, it was decided Liss should be referred to this Bureau for an interview by a Bureau official. I told him that I had left instructions with Assistant Director D. H. Ladd that if Liss wanted to come over and talk to us it would be perfectly agreeable, but there were some things that we could not ask him because certain questions would disclose information on current cases. I told the Secretary that if Liss wanted to make any statement or relate anything about his association that he might coming would place him under suspicion we would be very glad to listen to him. The Secretary stated that he wished we would do this. The Secretary advised that the part of the report on Liss that impressed him was the statement of Whittaker Chambers. He inquired as to what kind of a man Chambers was and I told him that he was a very good man, explaining that he was senior editor of "Time Magazine."

After my conversation with Secretary Dymos, I contacted you and generally outlined my conversation with the Secretary, pointing out that when Liss came to this Bureau he was going to do the talking and we would do the listening. (Memo Dir. to Tolson, Tamm & Ladd 3-21-46).

By letter dated March 25, 1946, the Secretary of State was advised that Alger Liss had appeared at this Bureau on that date at which time he was interviewed by an official of the Bureau. Liss was asked to furnish any information in his possession which in his opinion might have led to the report that he was a member of any subversive organization. There was enclosed a copy of the information which Liss had furnished to this Bureau. 65-56402-695

By letter dated November 25, 1946, a summary in the Gregory case dated October 21, 1946, in which the allegation of Elizabeth Bentley against Alger Liss and others was mentioned, was made available to the Secretary of State. A copy of this summary was also furnished to Mr. Fred Lyon, Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation, State Department, by letter dated December 12, 1946. This summary also reflected the results of the investigation conducted by this Bureau as of October 21, 1946, based on the allegations of Elizabeth Bentley. 65-56402-1836 and 1859

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The records of this Bureau fail to reflect that any inquiry was made by John Foster Dulles concerning Algor Piss.

The above is being made available to you for clarification of the existing rumors being made by the press.

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*As this correct?
Does he mean
Donald P. H.*

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP-R. IN INTERVIEW WITH CHAMBERS TODAY, HE RELATED THE FOLLOWING STORY.-- IN CONNECTION WITH ORIGINAL UNDERGROUND APPARATUS OPERATED BY HAROLD WARE, WHICH INCLUDED DONALD HISS, CHARLES CRAMER, VICTOR PERLO, HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR., LEE PRESSMAN AND NATHAN WITT, EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD HIS OWN SEPARATE CELL CONSISTING OF TEN TO TWENTY PERSONS WHO WERE EMPLOYED IN THE VARIOUS GOVT. AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, DC. AT THIS TIME, THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT ABSTRACTING ANY DOCUMENTS FROM THE VARIOUS GOVT. AGENCIES BUT WERE PLACED THERE SO THAT THEIR SERVICES MIGHT BE USED IN THE EVENT AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE. ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN HAROLD WARES CELL WAS JOHN HERRMAN WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP AND WHO, AT ONE TIME, WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB IN NYC AT THE TIME CHAMBERS WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CLUB. HERRMAN WAS MARRIED TO JOSEPHINE HERBST WHO HAD BEEN THE AUTHOR OF TWO OR THREE FAIRLY WELL ACCEPTED NOVELS AND WAS CONSIDERED A LEADING LIGHT IN THE LITERARY WORLD.

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HERMAN AND HIS WIFE, IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE AND THIRTY SIX, RESIDED IN AN APARTMENT ON THE WEST SIDE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE. BETWEEN MASSACHUSETTS AVE. AND DU PONT CIRCLE, WASH., DC. SOMETIME IN ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, IN A CONVERSATION BETWEEN HERRMAN AND CHAMBERS, THE FORMER STATED THAT A FAMILY BY THE NAME OF ~~SILVER-~~MAN, WHICH CONSISTED OF A WIFE, HUSBAND AND CHILD, WAS RESIDING ON TWENTY EIGHTH ST., IN WASH. NEXT DOOR TO THE RESIDENCE OF ALGER ^{Hiss} AND PRISCILLA ~~HISS~~/THIS SILVERMAN IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH A. GEORGE SILVERMAN MENTIONED PROMINENTLY IN THIS CASE./ FURTHER THAT J. PETERS HAD INSTRUCTED HAROLD WARE AND JOHN HERRMAN LATE ONE EVENING TO GO TO THE SILVERMAN HOUSEHOLD AND ARRANGE TO TAKE SILVERMAN OUT OF HIS HOUSE AND GET HIM AWAY FROM WASH., DC. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HERRMAN AND WARE ACCOMPLISHED THIS BUT CHAMBERS DOES NOT RECALL WHERE THEY TOOK SILVERMAN. AS EXPLANATION OF THIS UNUSUAL SITUATION, CHAMBERS RELATED THAT HERRMAN TOLD HIM THAT PETERS OR SOMEONE IN THE PARTY HAD FOUND OUT THAT SILVERMAN AND DAVID K. ~~NILES~~, PRESENT ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN HOMOSEXUAL ACTS AND THAT WHILE THIS AFFAIR WAS GOING ON, SILVERMAN HAD BEEN WRITING TO NILES AND INFORMING HIM OF ACTIVITIES OF THE UNDERGROUND APPARATUS IN WASHINGTON, THAT NILES, IN AN EFFORT TO GET SILVERMAN AWAY FROM HIS FAMILY, HAD THREATENED TO EXPOSE THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE CP UNDERGROUND IN WASHINGTON.

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CHAMBERS HAS NO FURTHER INFO CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT BUT MADE THE REMARK THAT IT IS SOMETIMES A COMMON PRACTICE TO ACCUSE A PARTY MEMBER OF SOME SCANDALOUS CONDUCT IN ORDER TO SMEAR HIM. CHAMBERS HAS NO FURTHER INFO CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF SILVERMAN NOR THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF JOHN HERRMAN AND HIS WIFE. AT THIS INTERVIEW, CHAMBERS ALSO RELATED THAT ON ONE OCCASION, PROBABLY IN NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE OR THIRTY SIX, J. PETERS MENTIONED TO HIM THAT HE HAD A CONTACT IN THE FBI AND THAT PETERS HAD INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO ARRANGE FOR A PHOTOGRAPHIC SETUP TO TAKE CARE OF THE MATERIAL EMANATING FROM THIS CONTACT. HE ASKED CHAMBERS WHETHER HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE THIS SET UP IN WASHINGTON OR BALTIMORE. CHAMBERS RELATED THAT HE BECAME A LITTLE UPSET WHEN PETERS MENTIONED THE FBI, THAT PETERS APPARENTLY SUSPECTED THIS AND DID NOT CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION NOR DID HE SAY ANYTHING TO HIM ABOUT THIS FBI SETUP AT ANY FUTURE DATE. THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH ARMAND LABIS FELDMAN FORWARDED WITH COVER LETTER DATED JUNE ONE, FORTY EIGHT. ON PAGES FIFTYNINE TO SIXTYFOUR DESCRIPTION IS SET FORTH OF FELDMAN'S USE OF ABRAHAM GLASSER OF DEPT. OF JUSTICE AS SOURCE FURNISHING INFO FROM JUSTICE FILES. CHAMBERS WAS ASKED IF HE KNEW ABRAHAM GLASSER BUT DENIED KNOWING HIM AND FAILED TO IDENTIFY GLASSER'S PHOTO.

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CHAMBERS RECALLED DEFINITELY THAT J. PETERS REFERRED TO THE QUOTE
SETUP-ENQUOTE IN FBI AND NOT DEPT. OF JUSTICE. CHAMBERS WAS QUESTIONED
THOROUGHLY AND EXHAUSTIVELY FOR LEADS OR FURTHER KNOWLEDGE RE ALLEGED
ACCESS TO FBI RECORDS ON PART OF PETERS, BUT COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER
INFO. CHAMBERS KNEW OF NO OTHER ALLEGED LEAKS FROM FBI. NO INDICATION
THAT CHAMBERS HAS FURNISHED THIS INFO TO ANYONE OTHER THAN INTERVIEW-
ING AGENTS. WASH FLD REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFO AVAILABLE RE JOHN
HERRMAN, JOSEPHINE HERBST AND SILVERMAN MENTIONED ABOVE AND TO
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD *pl*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.
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ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 14, 1949

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Reference is made to the attached teletype from the New York Field Office reflecting the results of an interview with Chambers on January 13, 1949, in which he referred to the original Underground Apparatus operated by Harold Ware and included, among others, Donald Hiss. You inquired, "Is this correct? Does he mean Donald? H."

In the absence of ASAC Belmont this was discussed with Supervisor Al Tuohy of the New York Field Office who stated that he was positive the New York Office was correct in stating Donald Hiss was included by Chambers. To verify this Mr. Tuohy again discussed it with Chambers, who is now being interviewed in the New York Office, and he replied that he did mean Donald Hiss in the discussion of the group operated by Harold Ware. The case file reflects that Chambers previously has stated that Donald Hiss was included in the Ware group. He has also previously named Alger Hiss in connection with the same group.

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January 7, 1949

Miss Louise Morrow
306 Pitney Avenue
Spring Lake, New Jersey

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Dear Miss Morrow

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I have received your letter with enclosure, postmarked January 2, 1949. While I am glad to receive your views concerning the work of this Bureau and my administration of it, your observations indicate that you do not clearly understand the specific nature of our responsibilities. The FBI is primarily a fact-finding agency charged with the investigation of violations of laws of the United States, collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest and performing other duties imposed by law. Following a determination of the facts, complete information, uncolored by personal opinions or conclusions, is furnished to the appropriate prosecutive authorities for such action as is deemed advisable.

I can assure you that the FBI has not deviated one iota from its established operational policies which require that information in our files be held confidential and available for official use only. It should be noted that the work of the FBI and that of the House Committee on Un-American Activities follow different patterns as I pointed out in my statement before that Committee on March 26, 1947, a copy of which is enclosed.

You may be sure all matters within the scope of our jurisdiction are given prompt and exhaustive investigative attention. It has occurred to me that the material which I am sending you might be of some interest. After reviewing this data and considering my foregoing comments, I trust you will understand more fully the nature of our work.

Sincerely yours,

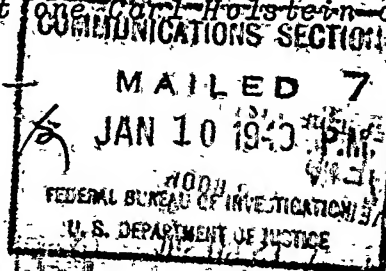
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Director's Testimony, How to Fight Communism, Don't be Duped by the Communists

NOTE: In September 1942, a Miss Louise Morrow whose handwriting is identical with this correspondent, wrote a letter to the Bureau alleging that one Carl Holstein and his family were Un-American.

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306 PITNEY AVENUE
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Mr J E. Hoover^① Chambers
Whittaker

This spy ring is staggering!
don't you think you as an American
should ^{have} done your duty? & not shield
the administration in power! do you think
Honorable Herbert Hoover would have
uttered the words the present man has & is B
uttering here, & red herring? he is not worthy
to be head of this nation and we are only
a great nation because we believe in it. ^{RECORDED - 102} ^{INDEXED - 102} ⁷⁴⁻¹³³³⁻⁹⁷⁷ ^{13 1949}
is it. Matthew 13:17-18 when the abominations
stand in high places then flee to the mountains
let him who reads etc flee. I think Mr Hoover

when you are not acting in the
safety of America you should resign!
now!

from a true American for
generations
Shannon

We are not dumb as H. Hopkins said.
we are thinking & working for America.

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QUESTIONS

By George E. *Amis*

Private Vengeance.

✓ When Laurence Duggan went out of the window, three assumptions were possible: 1. That he was involved in espionage, directly or indirectly, and that he committed suicide; 2. That he was not involved but did commit suicide because his name had been mentioned by association; 3. That he was murdered and thrown from the window. There is still another possible assumption, namely, that he did not commit suicide nor was he murdered, but that he fell out of the window and that it all had nothing to do with the Chambers-Hiss affair or with his having been attached to the State Department.

Neither the police nor the FBI are helpful, but the FBI gives him a clean bill of health, yet does not explain the full nature of its investigation nor why he was investigated at all. The FBI has been silent in these espionage matters for many years—under instructions, it is to be presumed. At any rate, it would be more just to the memory of Laurence Duggan if the Department of Justice made itself clearer, so that no one would be suspicious that there is something on Duggan but that it is being suppressed.

The case of Sumner Welles is different. Here a man goes for a walk on Christmas night—very late—in quiet country, across fields and not by road. He either had a heart attack or somebody tried to bump him off—or he simply stumbled on a root. Only Welles can describe the circumstances because he was alone. Immediately those who oppose the activities of the House Committee on Un-American Activities rushed into print or on the radio saying that Sumner Welles was made emotionally unstable by the death of Laurence Duggan. When they said that—on Sunday—they could not know it to be true.

Lots of people die of heart attacks—more than 40 per cent of all the deaths in this country. Therefore, it is possible to assume that Mr. Welles had a heart attack and collapsed upon frozen ground. Such an

attack could be without relationship to politics—national or international. It might also have been due to indigestion, over-smoking, or a diabetic coma. Why must things not related to each other suddenly become related to each other?

In fact, those who use Mr. Welles's discomfiture for private revenge do him a disservice, for if they go far enough in their assertions, they may force a reopening of the Welles-Hull quarrel which resulted in Mr. Hull forcing Welles, an undeniably brilliant public servant, out of the State Department.

There is a danger that because of the certainty that spies were placed in the State Department by a foreign country, our enemy since 1917, every individual with a private grudge, a nasty mind, an unquenchable hatred, will point a vicious finger at the one he dislikes to call him a spy and a traitor. This is a dangerous business and so far as I can tell, and I have studied this problem with unremitting care for more than twenty years, those who are really guilty are pretty well known even if proof is unavailable and conviction well-nigh impossible.

The fact is that this was true in 1934 when the Harold Ware cells were organized; in 1938 when the Dies committee got its fingers on the data; in 1939, when Whittaker Chambers told his story to Adolf A. Berle; in 1941 when they gave it to the Department of Justice; in 1945-46 when the Prime Minister of Canada, Mackenzie King, personally gave it to the President of the United States. No matter how much more is discovered, the names are pretty much the same, with a little addition here and there.

And this must be understood: What we are dealing with is: 1. Espionage; 2. Neglect of duty; 3. Violation of the oath of office; 4. Condoning espionage and protecting spies to avoid exposure of error in high places. This country has not outlawed the Communist party and being a member of it is neither a misdemeanor nor a felony and can only be made so not by private judgment but by law. This must be recognized if we are not to go haywire about these cases.

Dean Hall masterfully as Hiss & Chambers.

ent to Strong

Now Needed to Curb the
acts of the Disloyal.

EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir:
Apparently have inadequate
efficiently with American-
it has been suggested that
laws to correct this defi-
any government em-
officials who are found
es no punishment can be
Other spies should be dealt
ely, but they simply im-
tation to the country they
lost of the countries are
ons at the time. Almost
employs spies. A more
r to our country than the
the ordinary run of spies
as it aims directly to de-
ernment. Every one tak-
is conspiracy is an enemy.
e possible to enact a law
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row our government by-
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means; or to be a mem-
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tution assures us of cer-
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was not written to permit
the overthrow of the very
ernment which preserves
es. Our Constitution was
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destroy it,

NATHAN. I. BIJUR.
ch, N. J.

Possibly.

the only time I ever got hurt."

"All the guys around here special
in s... trick hold," I said. "I st...
pose... had one?"

"Mine was the Indian coma-
squeeze," Dave said. "I made it up
myself. I get the guy in a headlock
and press on the big artery in his
neck. Pretty soon he'd just pretend
to pass out and they'd carry him out

Out of the ring and announced
that Count Dracula was banned from
wrestling in town for the rest of
his life."

"So that's when you quit the game?"
I said.

"Oh, no. I just took the mask off.
I was back there the next week
wrestling the same guy, only this time
they called me 'Doc' Snell."

Book Reviews



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"Horsecars and Cobblestones."

"Horsecars and Cobblestones" by
Sophie Ruskay (The Beechurst Press.
\$2.75) will probably rank as one of
the pleasantest books of reminiscences
to appear in several seasons. It has
no world-shattering significance, and
the unpretentiousness of the style may
cause the hasty to underrate it, but its
charm and authenticity are irresist-
ible.

It might be called "Life With
Mother and Father." It is the record,
utterly uncontrived, without glamour,
of a happy childhood in the days of
Boss Croker, when horses drew the
streetcars, steam locomotives hauled
the elevated cars, and the roads were
paved with convex cobbles to give the
horses a foothold.

Mrs. Ruskay's parents came from
Russia. By the time she grew up,
they had become a fairly prosperous
family, the result of hard work manu-

Mrs. Ruskay gives us a delightful
picture of Jewish life in old New York,
the extreme conventionality of the old
people, their fanatical loyalty to their
own families and their noble charity
to their less fortunate co-religionists.

Mrs. Ruskay's father was conserva-
tive in his ideas. It was Mamma who
had the revolutionary notion of
changing from nightshirts to pajamas
and abandoning the making of elabo-
rate petticoats for ladies. Mamma
knew that ladies in Paris were actual-
ly wearing things like men's pants.

During the strike in the needle
trades it was Mamma who understood
that the fight was not against good
employers like themselves, but the
sweatshops, which cut prices by pay-
ing a dollar or so for a dozen shirts
made in slum tenements. And when
the 1893 panic came, it was Mamma
who went to the big cotton firm and

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SAC NEW YORK

JANUARY 14, 1949

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, JR., WAS ET AL; PERJURY: ESPIONAGE - R.
REURTEL JANUARY THIRTEEN LAST. BUREAU REQUESTING INCOME TAX RETURNS
FOR INSLERMAN AND WIFE COVERING YEARS NINETEEN THIRTY-SIX TO THIRTY-
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①
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL; PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R. RE REPORT
SPECIAL AGENT MAHLON C. COLLIER, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, DATED JANUARY TWELVE, LAST.
BOSTON, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, AND NEW YORK OFFICES SHOULD COVER LEADS SET
OUT IN REFERENCED REPORT WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING BUREAU
INSTRUCTIONS. FOR INFORMATION ALBANY OFFICE LEAD IN REFERENCED REPORT FOR WASH-
INGTON FIELD OFFICE TO CONTACT ROBERT HORTON, WASHINGTON, D. C. BY LETTER DATED
JANUARY TWELVE, LAST TO BUREAU WITH COPIES TO ALBANY AND NEW YORK, WASHINGTON
FIELD OFFICE ADVISED THAT HORTON PRESENTLY RESIDING ROUTE ONE, BRANDXON,
VERMONT. ALBANY SHOULD FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN WASHINGTON FIELD
LETTER.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

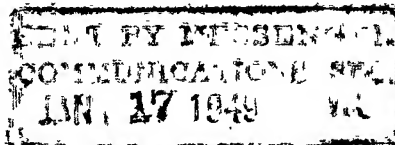
In connection with an official investigation presently being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it will be appreciated if you would attempt to secure photostatic uncertified copies of the income tax returns for the years 1936, 1937 and 1938 for Felix August Inslerman and his wife, Elisabeth A. Inslerman, who during this period resided at 2113 Callew Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

In view of the nature of this investigation, it will be appreciated if you will expedite the submission of the copies of these returns.

Sincerely yours,

Attorney General

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ETAL., PERJURY, ESP. R. FELIX
A INSLERMAN OF RD NUMBER TWO, CAMBRIDGE, NY, HAS BEEN POSITIVELY IDENTI-
FIED BY CHAMBERS AS UNSUB FELIX OF REPORT OF SA J.M. KELLY DATED DEC.
TWENTY THREE LAST AT NEW YORK. BACKGROUND RE INSLERMAN SET OUT IN
REPORT OF SA F.G. JOHNSTONE DATED DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE LAST AT BALTI-
MORE. IN GJ APPEARANCES TO DATE INSLERMAN HAS REFUSED TO STATE
EMPLOYMENT DURING PERIODS FROM AUGUST THIRTYSIX TO MARCH THIRTY SEVEN
AND FEBRUARY THIRTY EIGHT TO MAY THIRTY EIGHT. IT IS NOTED THAT THESE
ARE CRUCIAL PERIODS JUST PRIOR TO CHAMBERS-S INTRODUCTION TO FELIX BY
BYKOV AND PERIOD OF CHAMBERS-S DISAFFECTION. INSLERMAN ALSO REFUSES
TO STATE SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF LEICA CAMERA NUMBER TWO THREE
FOUR SEVEN THREE ZERO. RECORDS OF E. LEITZ CO., LEICA AGENTS IN
US, REFLECT ABOVE CAMERA SOLD TO CAPITOL CAMERA EXCHANGE, ONE ZERO
ZERO THREE PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC, ON JUNE TWENTYFOUR,
THIRTY SEVEN AND REGISTERED WITH E. LEITZ ON AUGUST THIRTYONE, THIRTY
SEVEN BY INSLERMAN AS OWNER. BUREAU WILL SECURE ALL INCOME TAX REPORTS
FILED BY INSLERMAN WITH VIEW TO IDENTIFICATION OF EMPLOYER IN PERTINENT
PERIOD. WFO WILL REVIEW RECORDS OF CAPITOL CAMERA EXCHANGE FOR ALL
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et al,
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The following information was made available to the Bureau by D. Vincent Hurley who received the information from Mrs. Frances Fussell of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Fussell, who was formerly employed in the Central European Unit in the State Department, is now a member of the technical staff of the Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation. Mrs. Fussell was not informed that this information would be furnished to the Bureau, however, Mr. Hurley advised that in the event a further check was desired, it was his belief that she would have no hesitation in furnishing any other details available.

Mrs. Fussell stated that early in the week of December 12, 1948 she had a conversation with a man who is presently employed in the CE Unit in the State Department and with whom she formerly worked. In 1947 she and this man and several others were working on the problem of the Yugoslav ships which had been seized by the United States at the end of the war in the Danube River and which were being withheld from Yugoslavia. The Yugoslavs had made several demands that the ships be returned but the State Department had adopted the position that the ships should not be returned until Russia and her satellites had agreed to the opening of the Danube River to international commercial shipping. She stated that this position had been unanimous in the Central European Unit in the State Department. Mrs. Fussell recalled that she and the others working on the problem were dumbfounded last October or November (1947) when an order was issued by President Truman directing that the ships be returned to Yugoslavia forthwith.

According to Mrs. Fussell, no one in the State Department knew the reason for this order until the official with whom Mrs. Fussell talked had recently had occasion to review the State Department file on this Yugoslav shipping question. It was then noted that a penciled memorandum by Alger Hiss appeared in this file. It seems that the Yugoslavs, in another attempt to get their ships back, had appealed to the United Nations and the United States official (I believe the name was Winant but I am not sure) in the United Nations Committee, which had the matter up for discussion, checked with the State Department to determine the United States position in the matter. This official telephoned Mr. Hiss in the State Department. Hiss arranged for Acting Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, to come in on the telephone conversation. Mr. Acheson outlined to the United States representative at the United Nations headquarters the State Department position to the effect that the ships would be held until Russia agreed to open the Danube. The penciled memorandum of Mr. Hiss summarized the communication and there was a note then written by Hiss to the effect that he was unalterably opposed to the State Department position and that he would do all in his power to see that it was changed.

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The next document noted in the file was a copy of the letter which President Truman had signed ordering the ships returned to Yugoslavia. This letter was prepared by Alger Hiss.

You are instructed to promptly interview Mrs. Fussell at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania for any additional data she may have concerning this particular incident and also for any relative data she may have concerning instant case. A check of the State Department file concerning this particular incident is being made by Bureau Liaison.

cc: New York

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December 16, 1948

MEMORANDUM

Re: Alger Hiss

On December 15, 1948 I received the following information from Mrs. Frances ~~Fussell~~ of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, who is a member of the technical staff of the ~~Joint~~ Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation. Mrs. Fussell formerly was employed in the Central European Unit in the State Department.

She stated that early this week she had a conversation with a man (who is presently employed in the CE Unit in the State Department and with whom she formerly worked. In 1947 she and this man and several others were working on the problem of the Yugoslav ships which had been seized by the United States at the end of the war in the Danube River and which were being withheld from Yugoslavia. The Yugoslavs had made several demands that the ships be returned but the State Department had adopted the position that the ships should not be returned until Russia and her satellites had agreed to the opening of the Danube River to international commercial shipping. She stated that this position had been unanimous in the Central European Unit in the State Department. Mrs. Fussell recalled that she and the others working on the problem were dumbfounded last October or November (1947) when an order was issued by President Truman directing that the ships be returned to Yugoslavia forthwith.

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The dates used in this memorandum may not be exactly accurate. However, it is assumed that they can be checked if the Bureau is interested in doing so. Mrs. Fussell was not informed that this information would be furnished to the Bureau, but in the event a further check is desired on this incident, I believe she would have no hesitation in furnishing any other details available.

D. Vincent Hurley

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: 12-20-48

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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ASAC Belmont, New York, called in at 5:30 p.m. and advised as follows:

GEORGE HEWITT

Agents of the New York Office today interviewed George Hewitt, who furnished the following information relative to Alger Hiss. Hewitt advised that he met Alger Hiss in 1937 or 1938 at a Party meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss the Negro question and the Communist Party infiltration into the West Indies. They met in an apartment house near West 21st Street, according to Hewitt. Present at the meeting were J. Peters, Rose Wortis, Jack Stachel, Ted Bassett, Max Steinberg, Bill Lawrence and the two Hiss brothers, Alger and Donald. Hewitt said he could recognize either of the Hiss brothers now. Hewitt further said that he met both Alger and Donald Hiss on one occasion in Washington about 1940 on the occasion of an organizational meeting of the National Negro Congress held in the rear of one of the Congress halls on Pennsylvania Avenue. He said 35 or 40 others were present, including Max Yergen, James W. Ford, Rose Wortis, Max Steinberg and Bob Campbell. In addition, Alger and Donald Hiss were at the meeting. Alger left after a very short time. Hewitt did not know either of them by name and had never spoken with them. He thought they were CI agents, that is, international agents of the Communist Party whose duty it is to observe at these meetings and report back to Moscow.

Following the interview with Hewitt, he was taken in the Bureau car to the vicinity of West 21st Street to locate the apartment house mentioned above. He advised that the apartment house at 8 West 16th Street is the apartment which he believes was the one where the meeting was held. He was taken into the apartment house and pointed out apartment F35 as the apartment in which the meeting was held. This apartment is presently occupied by R. P. Madge, who apparently moved into the apartment since that time. A further check is being made concerning this.

Hewitt advised that he furnished the foregoing information with the exception of the exact location of the apartment house to Stokes, a Negro investigator for the HUAC last week. He was told by Stokes to report to the Federal Court House on Friday, December 17, for an interview with HUAC representatives. When he arrived, Hewitt noticed the large number of newsmen and photographers and left the Court House but met Congressman McDowell later in the day at the Hotel Pennsylvania where he was interviewed. Hewitt says that by this time he was "fed up" and refused to be sworn in and would make no statement whatsoever to McDowell. He was supposed to meet Stokes again today to try to locate the house near West 21st Street but due to his interview with Agents, he was unable to do so.

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Hewitt advised that in 1937 or 1938 he was approached by Stachel and Steinberg, the latter at the time being organizational director of the New York State Communist Party. They told him they had an "organizational job" to do on somebody. Hewitt understood this to be a strong-arm job. They showed him a picture of this person and this was later identified by Hewitt as Whittaker Chambers, who, according to Stachel and Steinberg, was an undercover FBI agent working in the Communist Party. They told Hewitt that Chambers would be lured to Buffalo where the job would be done on him. Hewitt advised that later by pre-arrangement he met a girl whose identity is unknown to him at the Albert Hotel on University Place in New York City and was given an envelope which contained \$3,000. He was told to deliver it to Henry Wright, a leader of the Communist Party in Buffalo's Fifth Ward. Hewitt described Wright as an individual with a long Buffalo and Detroit police record, a Negro about 40 years old; grayish eyes, about six feet tall, with slightly protruding teeth. Hewitt had thought he was to deliver instructions but when he found the envelope contained money he would not carry out the job, returned the money to the girl and shortly thereafter broke with the Communist Party.

Hewitt refused to furnish a signed statement without talking to an attorney. He plans to talk to a Mr. Foster of the Civil Liberties Union tonight and will advise tomorrow whether he will furnish a signed statement. A subpoena was served on Hewitt for appearance before the Grand Jury at 11:00 a.m., December 21, by the U. S. Marshal.

Relative to Mr. Fletcher's call of December 19, setting forth that Mr. Alex Campbell of the Department had informed that Hewitt appeared before an INS hearing and had stated that he attended many Communist meetings with Alger Hiss, Hewitt was questioned regarding this statement. He advised that he had completed his testimony before INS hearings prior to the time the Chambers-Hiss case arose. Hewitt said he did not know Hiss by any name at the time of his INS testimony. He advised that he does not recall any such testimony concerning Hiss at INS hearings. He advised further that the meetings described are the only ones where he remembers seeing Alger or Donald Hiss.

MAX YERGEN

Max Yergen was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office today. He advised that he first met George Hewitt in Madison Square Park in August, 1948. At that time, Hewitt introduced himself to Yergen as Tim Holmes and congratulated Yergen on his break with the Communist Party. Yergen advised that he next saw Holmes last Friday when they both appeared before representatives of the HUAC.

Yergen advised further that he first saw Alger Hiss in April, 1945, at

Memo for Mr. Ladd

the San Francisco conference when Hiss was secretary to Stettinius. He advised that he does not know whether Hiss is connected with the Communist Party and does not know the background of Hiss. He stated that when he was interviewed by Congressman McDowell, a Mr. Mandel and Mr. Stokes of the HUAC last Friday he told them that he did not know anything about any connections with Hiss and the Communist Party. He advised that he was not served with a HUAC subpoena but was merely told to stay in readiness.

Yergen advised that in the fall of 1946, Paul Robeson brought into his office at the Council of African Affairs a woman named Kleiner (phonetic). Robeson recommended her for employment. At that time she said she was the sister-in-law of Alger Hiss. She was employed from September, 1946, to early 1947 as a representative of the Council of African Affairs. Her duty was to go to the U.N. each day and write up the happenings for the benefit of the Council. She left to go to work for the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, according to Yergen. Yergen recalled that she lived at 10 Mitchell Place, New York City, with a woman named Edith Atwater. Yergen had no information regarding the background of Miss Kleiner except that he recalled she stated that during the war she was coordinating information for the War Department on information relative to the Balkan States. Therefore, she may have been employed by the War Department. Yergen had no information indicating that she was a Communist.

ACTION

A memorandum for the Attorney General reporting the results of these interviews is being prepared.

Something is defective in our Communist coverage. There is another instance of a man giving information to HUAC & not being picked through interviewed previously by us. We ought to alert our field offices for a few more chambers. Should instances & we will be badly furnished. A proper vigorous searching interrogation in the first instance might avoid such situations.

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Yergen
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T. J. DONEGAN FURNISHED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT GJ ACTIVITIES INSTANT DATE 2-2
ANNABELLE NEWCOMB TESTIFIED THAT IN HER OPINION HANDWRITTEN NOTES
EXHIBITED TO HER BY DONEGAN WHICH WERE AMONG THE MATERIAL PRODUCED
BY CHAMBERS AT PRETRIAL HEARING WERE QUITE UNUSUAL IN THAT SUCH CON-
DENSATIONS WERE NOT USUALLY MADE AND THAT SUCH MATTER THEREOF NOT
USUALLY HANDLED BY THE DIVISION FORMERLY HEADED BY FRANCIS B. SAYRE.
FURTHER THAT THE NOTES IN HER OPINION WERE IN THE HANDWRITING OF
ALGER HISS. ONLY OTHER WITNESS HEARD WAS FELIX A. INSLERMAN; PRE-
VIOUSLY IDENTIFIED FROM PHOTOGRAPH BY CHAMBERS AS "FELIX." INSLER-
MAN AT FIRST REFUSED TO ANSWER IF HE WERE EMPLOYED FROM FEBRUARY,
THIRTYSIX TO JANUARY, THIRTYSEVEN, THEN ADMITTED HE WAS EMPLOYED DURING
THAT PERIOD BUT REFUSED NAME OF EMPLOYER ON GROUND OF SELF INCRIMINATION.
DESCRIBED CAMERAS OWNED BY HIM AS A LEICA, A KODAK AND A GERMAN MADE CAMERA.
DENIED ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH OR KNOWLEDGE OF CHAMBERS. DONEGAN THEN CAUSED CHAMBERS TO BE BROUGHT INTO GJ ROOM
FOR CONFRONTATION AND CHAMBERS THEREAFTER ASSUMED HIS EARLIER POSI-

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BEEN SENT ON AN ESPIONAGE MISSION BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO MUKDEN IN MANCHURIA. AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME HIS DAUGHTER OZIA, WHO WAS A BACTERIOLOGIST, WHO STUDIED AT HUNTER COLLEGE IN NY, HAD TRAVELLED TO VLADIVOSTOK, PROBABLY TO JOIN HER FATHER IN SOME LINE OF WORK FOR THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. AT THIS PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT CHAMBERS ALSO MET THE NEPHEW BY MARRIAGE OF SAM SHOYET ONE HARRY TAMER, WHO WAS EMPLOYED AS AN APPRENTICE PRINTER. CHAMBERS STATED THAT TAMER WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP, PROBABLY LIVING WITH THE SHOYET FAMILY BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WAS INVOLVED IN ANY ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES. ATTORNEY FOR FELIX INSLERMAN, LOUIS BENDER, FORMER AUSA, SDNY, REFUSED TO RELEASE CAMERAS IN INSLERMAN-S POSSESSION FOR EXAMINATION. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL DONEGAN ADVISED DECISION WILL BE MADE TOMORROW RE ISSUANCE OF SEARCH WARRANT FOR CAMERAS.

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TIVE IDENTIFICATION OF INSLERMAN. AFTER CONFRONTATION, INSLERMAN REFUSED TO ANSWER WHETHER HE HAD EVER MET CHAMBERS OR HAD SEEN HIM BEFORE AND AGAIN REFUSAL ON GROUND OF SELF INCRIMINATION. EXAMINATION OF INSLERMAN WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS INTERVIEWED TODAY IN PREPARATION OF OBTAINING DETAILED STATEMENT OF HIS ACTIVITIES. PERIOD OF ACTIVITY COVERED TODAY WAS FROM NINETEEN TWENTY TWO WHEN HE FIRST THOUGHT OF JOINING CP UNTIL TWENTYNINE WHEN HE QUIT HIS JOB AS EDITOR OF "DAILY WORKER." OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE DURING INTERVIEW WAS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. IN NINETEEN TWENTYSIX WHILE CHAMBERS WAS EMPLOYED BY "DAILY WORKER", PRINTING OF THIS PAPER WAS DONE BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. THIS COMPANY HAD TRADE NAME UNKNOWN TO CHAMBERS BUT WAS OPERATED BY ONE ~~W~~GOLDSTEIN WHO CHAMBERS CHARACTERIZED AS NOT A COMMUNIST BUT PROBABLY A SYMPATHIZER. SAM ~~S~~HOYET WAS EMPLOYED BY THIS PRINTING FIRM AS AN ASSISTANT FOREMAN AND CHAMBERS GOT TO KNOW SHOYET FAIRLY WELL. CHAMBERS RELATED THAT SHOYET WAS A COMMUNIST AND AT ONE TIME TOLD HIM, CHAMBERS, THAT HE HAD WORKED IN PARIS AND TOKYO AS A JOURNEYMAN PRINTER. ON ONE OCCASION CHAMBERS WAS INTRODUCED TO SHOYET-S DAUGHTER OZIA ~~S~~SOME YEARS LATER DR. ~~S~~Shoyet PHILLIP ROSENBLEITE INFORMED CHAMBERS THAT SHOYET WAS A SOVIET AGENT AND THAT SOMETIME AFTER CHAMBERS LEFT THE "DAILY WORKER," SHOYET HAD

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

DATE: January 5, 1949

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Jack Carlisle called from Detroit. He said he was somewhat disturbed over an editorial The Detroit News ran which in effect asked if the FBI was being hampered, why didn't it do something in the spy cases; that he wanted to run a column pointing out what the Bureau's responsibility is, that it is not a policy-making agency, that in the period when Chambers was securing secret documents there were a group of individuals in the State Department and in the Government trying to smear the Director, that obviously anything the Director did would be thwarted by this group. Carlisle stated he did not want to embarrass the Director by such a story.

I told him I saw no basis for embarrassment. He reminded me of the fact that William E. Scripps sent Carlisle to Washington several years ago for the purpose of securing stories on Communists in the Government, that he had a long visit with the Director, that he had never violated any confidence. I told him I did not see where he would be violating any confidence running a story along the lines he discussed, pointing out that the files of other Government agencies are replete with information furnished by the Bureau if the Bureau has not departed from its well-established policies.

A copy of the editorial which appeared in The Detroit News on January 3, 1949, entitled "Did Anybody Hold Back the FBI?" is attached.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Detroit, Michigan
January 3, 1949

Director, FBI

Attention: L. B. NICHOLS
Assistant Director

Dear Sir:

Attached herewith is the editorial which appeared in The Detroit News concerning which I telephoned you. Other articles of this nature and any other information which I might develop concerning this matter will be immediately brought to your attention.

Very truly yours,


H. T. O'CONNOR, SAC

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Did Anybody Hold Back the FBI?

The House Un-American Activities Committee has left to its final report the disclosures:

1 That, not two but at least 52 lots of secret State Department papers were stolen for Russia during the five years of *Whittaker Chambers' connection with the Red spy "apparatus."*

2 That a successor to this apparatus remained active at least as late as 1945.

3 That the committee has "no evidence" that the spy ring is not still operating.

On the face of these statements the committee has left its job far from done. It

has left unanswered the main question emerging from them, which is:

Where was the FBI during all this time?

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The FBI is now, as in 1935-39, the agency on which the country relies for safety from espionage. The statements in the committee's report can not help but shake confidence in its past and present alertness.

We know from the few samples published by the committee that documents stolen in the pre-war period were not fakes "planted" to fool the spies. They were the real thing, some so secret that they still can not be published.

We know now that the spying was not a case of a single isolated success, which, being discovered, led to effective counter-espionage measures.

We are told that the apparatus operated, during Chambers' connection with it, like "a veritable espionage production line out of the State Department and other Government departments."

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We know it operated within two blocks of the FBI's Washington headquarters. We know that, so far as the testimony shows, the FBI first learned of it when Elizabeth Bentley's conscience at last prompted her in 1945 to go to the Justice Department with a voluntary confession.

Indeed, the surface facts suggest that all now known to either the FBI or the committee came to them in the first instance through unsolicited confessions by those involved.

The picture is hardly one to inspire confidence that the spy danger has been licked or will stay licked.

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There is an inference, which appears believable, that the FBI was prevented from presenting to the New York grand jury all of the evidence it collected after the Bentley confession. The inference is that the Administration acted to save itself embarrassment.

By extension, it may be theorized that similar influences were at work in 1935-39 to keep the FBI from cracking down on the spy ring.

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If that is so, the FBI is entitled to have it known. The country is entitled to know it and to know that these

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Detroit, Michigan
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5-7-49

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 7, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

ASAC Belmont of New York called at 11:15 A.M. today and stated that the New York Office is of the opinion that Special Assistant Attorney General T. J. Donegan and the other attorneys working on this case should have a complete report setting forth all information which the Bureau has on Hiss. In connection with this suggestion, Mr. Belmont advised that a question arose as to whether the New York or Washington Field Office should prepare such a comprehensive report. Mr. Belmont explained that if New York does it, it will for the most part be quoting information contained in reports submitted by the Washington Field Office since Washington Field has been origin in the Hatch Act and has conducted most of the other investigation of Hiss. Therefore, Mr. Belmont suggested that unless the Bureau had some specific reason for wanting this report prepared by the New York Office, it was his recommendation that it be handled by the Washington Field Office. Mr. Belmont added that the New York Office intends to prepare a similar comprehensive report containing all available information on Chambers. He said that he felt New York should do this since it has as much original information in its files as any other Bureau field office.

With regard to the 64 documents and the handwritten notes which were turned over by Chambers in Baltimore in connection with the libel suit Mr. Belmont is of the opinion that these should be included in a report. Mr. Belmont said that New York has copies of these documents but the Washington Field Office handled the correlation of these reports with information contained in the State Department records and as a result identified practically all of the documents. Mr. Belmont said that the New York Office has no detailed report or information reflecting this identification and in order to have a complete picture of this he suggested that the Bureau might desire to have the Washington Field Office set forth these documents, together with the identification with State Department records, in a report with copies included for the New York Office.

With regard to the microfilm which was loaned to the Bureau by the HQUA Mr. Belmont stated that the New York Office has photostatic copies of this film. However, he has been advised informally that as a result of the FBI Laboratory examination of this film, the Laboratory was able to bring out some indistinct prints. New York would like the result of the Laboratory's work in this regard in order that information concerning these films might also be included in a report.

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Mr. Belmont

1-7-49

HBF

Mr. Belmont said that if these suggestions are concurred in by the Bureau, the New York and Washington Field Divisions should be advised by teletype.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is suggested that the recommendations of the New York Office be placed in effect and that appropriate instructions by teletype be issued to the Washington and New York Field Offices.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. WHITSON *WJF*
 FROM : MR. FLETCHER *HBF*
 SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
 PERJURY;
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DATE: 1-7-49

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 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

Reference is made to the telephone call of ASAC Belmont at 11:20 a.m. today taken by Inspector Laughlin.

In following up the State Department documents and records, I had Mr. Roach check with Mr. Nicholson of the State Department who advised that photostatic copies of pertinent documents were turned over to Mr. Peyton Ford shortly before Christmas. I checked with Mr. Ladd, secured his authority and phoned Mr. Peter Brown of the Department. I outlined our problem briefly and in a few minutes received a phone call from Mr. Ray Whearty who explained this material had already been taken to New York and Special Agent Spencer of the New York Office had made some comparisons of the documents with the material received from Chambers. He stated if the material was not in possession of the New York Office and in Mr. Donegan's possession it could be secured from him.

I phoned ASAC Belmont, New York, and advised him of the information. He checked and found the documents had been seen by Special Agent Spencer and were in possession of Mr. Donegan. He stated they probably would be available on Monday. He stated he would have copies made of the State Department documents and have them forwarded immediately to the Bureau. I told him when they were received they would be made available to the Washington Field Office so that the necessary report could come through. I also told him that we would forward prints of the HUAC film as developed by the FBI Laboratory. I further told him I would instruct the WFO to prepare a report on the available information on Alger Hiss.

At 5:00 p.m. I phoned Supervisor Delavigne who is handling the investigation in the Washington Field Office and instructed that they prepare the report on Hiss.

HBF:cmv7.

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Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Jones.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ELT AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R.
BROTHER OF FELIX A. INSLERMAN DETERMINED TO BE HANS INSLERMAN,
WHO RESIDES ON EAST BORNE AVENUE, LONG BRANCH, NJ. STATED TO BE
CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE OF US ARMY AS RADIO ENGINEER, FORT MONMOUTH,
NJ. NEWARK WILL CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION IN NJ. WASH.
FIELD WILL VERIFY EMPLOYMENT. SUBMIT RESULTS BY TELETYPE TO NEW YORK.

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Mr. Fletcher

FBI WASHINGTON FIELD 1-11-49 3:00 PM URGENT
DIRECTOR AND SAC, BOSTON

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
UPON RECEIPT OF BUREAU APPROVAL, BOSTON WILL INTERVIEW CHARLES E.
WYZANSKY, JR., FEDERAL JUDGE, BOSTON, WHO WAS FORMERLY SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DURING ALGER HISS' EMPLOYMENT IN
THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. REBULETS DECEMBER THREE, LAST AND JANUARY
THREE, LAST.

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WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE FROM WASH FIELD 1-12-49 3:00 PM URGENT
DIRECTOR AND SAC, BALTIMORE

Mr. Fletcher
[Signature]

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
REBALHOTEL JANUARY SIX, LAST. COLONEL CLARENCE S. THORPE (RETIRED),
STATIONED AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN,
PRESENTLY LIVING RURAL ROUTE ONE, ARDMORE, SIDNEY, B. C., CANADA,
ACCORDING TO INFO AVAILABLE FROM AAF PERSONNEL INFORMATION SECTION.

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FROM NEW YORK

12 10-19 P

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL; PERJURY ESP. - R. RE NEWARK
TELETYPE JANUARY ELEVEN LAST. T. J. DONEGAN DESIRES IMMEDIATE INTER-
VIEW OF HANS INSLERMAN RE KNOWLEDGE OF ACTIVITIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND
EMPLOYMENT OF HIS BROTHER FELIX INSLERMAN WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY
CHAMBERS AS UNKNOWN SUBJECT FELIX OF REPORT OF SA JOSEPH M. KELLY,
DATED DECEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST AT NYC, COPIES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN
FURNISHED NEWARK. FELIX INSLERMAN IN GJ APPEARANCES TO DATE HAS RE-
FUSED TO STATE WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED PRIOR TO MARCH THIRTY SEVEN AND
DURING PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY THIRTY EIGHT TO MAY THIRTYEIGHT, WHETHER
HE EVER PHOTOGRAPHED DOCUMENTS OR WHETHER HE KNEW WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.
FELIX INSLERMAN NOW EMPLOYED AS ENGINEER AT GENERAL ELECTRIC,
SCHENECTADY, NY. SINCE SEPTEMBER FORTYSIX. FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS
ENGINEER FROM MARCH FORTYTWO TO AUGUST FORTYSIX BY REPUBLIC AIR-
CRAFT, FARMINGDAVE, NY. AND FROM MAY FORTY EIGHT TO MARCH FORTY
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TWO BY GLENN L. MARTIN, MIDDLE RIVER, MD. EMPLOYMENT RECORDS INDICATE ADDITIONAL PAST EMPLOYMENT AS FOLLOWS..OCTOBER THIRTY THREE TO JANUARY THIRTYFIVE BY MICAMOLD RADIO CORP., BROOKLYN, NY., MARCH THIRTYFIVE TO AUGUST THIRTY SIX BY AN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE SHOP, BRONX, NY., MARCH THIRTY SEVEN TO OCTOBER THIRTY SEVEN BY BOHN REFRIGERATOR CO., BALTIMORE, MD., OCTOBER THIRTY SEVEN TO FEBRUARY THIRTY EIGHT BY THE DAKKO CO., PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES, BALTIMORE, MD. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OF NEWARK, FELIX INSLERMAN RESIDED AT TWO ONE ONE THREE CALLOW AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MD. FROM JULY ONE THIRTYSIX TO JULY ONE THIRTYEIGHT, WHICH WAS PERTINENT PERIOD OF ACTIVITY WITH CHAMBERS AND ALSO EXACT STREET BLOCK CHOSEN BY CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER NINETEEN LAST IN PHYSICAL SURVEY AT BALTIMORE AS BLOCK WHERE HE KNEW UNSUB. FELIX TO HAVE RESIDED. HANS INSLERMAN SHOULD BE EXHAUSTIVELY INTERVIEWED RE KNOWLEDGE OF FELIX INSLERMAN-S ACTIVITIES IT BEING NOTED THAT IN EARLY THIRTYSEVEN CHAMBERS BELIEVED FELIX TO BE PAID FUNCTIONARY OF CP. SUTEL RESULTS AS T. J. DONEGAN CONTEMPLATES ISSUANCE OF G.J. SUBPOENA TO HANS INSLERMAN.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL, PERJURY, ESP DASH R.
CHAMBERS INTERVIEWED TODAY FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN AND A HALF HOURS.
INTERVIEW TODAY CONCERNED CHAMBERS ACTIVITY IN WASH., DC WITH A GEORGE
SILVERMAN, HARRY DEXTER WHITE AND HAROLD GLASSER, ALSO ARRANGEMENTS
MADE BY CHAMBERS FOR COVER COMPANY TO BE UTILIZED BY HENRY LOOMIS
SHERMAN ON MISSION TO TOKYO ON BEHALF OF SOVIET UNDERGROUND APPAR-
ATUS. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MISSION CHAMBERS UTILIZED SERVICES
OF HIDEO NODA, A JAPANESE AMERICAN PAINTER, WHO ACCOMPANIED SHERMAN
ON TRIP TO TOKYO. ALSO RELATED DATA CONCERNING HIS TRIP TO SAN FRAN.
WHEREIN HE ACTED AS A COURIER IN BRINGING SUM OF APPROXIMATELY
TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM NYC TO ONE VOLKOF, A COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND
OPERATOR IN THAT CITY. STATES HE MET ONE PETER IN SAN FRAN, WHO
INTRODUCED CHAMBERS TO VOLKOF WHEN PAYMENT OF MONEY WAS MADE. NOW
STATES PETER PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH UNKNOWN SUBJ KEITH MENTIONED
PREVIOUSLY. INFO BEING EVALUATED FOR LOGICAL LEADS AND INTERVIEW
OF CHAMBERS CONTINUES TOMORROW MORNING. A SEPARATE TEL CONCERNING
OTHER INFO ELICITED FROM CHAMBERS

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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74-1333

January 13, 1949

SAC, Washington

Re: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
with aliases, et al
Perjury; Espionage - R
Internal Security - R
(Your file #74-94)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report D-89959 BU dated 1-12-49, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are transmitted herewith the following:

Specimens K282 and K283.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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There are placed/used herewith the following:

Office
The attached report is copy of report and forwarded to your
office in connection with the above
case and is made to Departmental Report.

Best regards

Kisseloff-3796

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

January 13, 1947

To:

SAC, New York

Enclosed follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 12, 1947.

Re:

JAY DAVID WHITAKER GRAMER
with aliases, et al
Forgery; Espionage - R
Internal Security - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

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Examination requested by:

New York

Reference:

Letter dated 1-11-47

Deleted Copy Sent *John Whitaker*
by Letter *1-11-47 THB/lee*
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Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

K291 Specimens from Roadster: typewriter with serial #253355E.

Results of Examination:

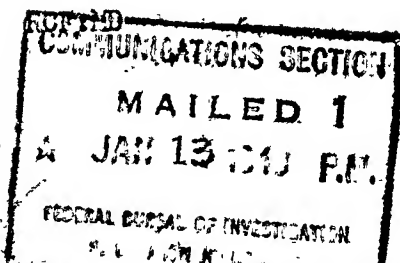
The conclusion was reached that the typewriter which typed K291 was not used to type CG through Q69.

K291 is retained in the files of the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
Attention: FBI Laboratory
 FROM : SAC, New York

DATE: January 11, 1949

D- 90078

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was. ET AL;
 PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Enclosed herewith are specimens of a Woodstock typewriter serial #N253355. This typewriter is presently the property of the KIMBALL PAPER & SUPPLY COMPANY, 75 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York.

The owner of the KIMBALL COMPANY is RALPH C. WEBB and he advised that he will retain this machine until he is notified that we are no longer interested in it. A tag on this machine indicates that it was purchased from WILLIAM JOHNSON, Yonkers, New York, and that JOHNSON purchased it from UNITED TYPEWRITER & ADDING MACHINE COMPANY, INC., 813 14th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

The enclosed specimens should be compared with the known and questioned documents on file with the Bureau and the results should be made known to the New York Office as soon as possible.

In the event it is ascertained that these specimens are not one and the same with the known and questioned documents, the Bureau may destroy these specimens.

Encls.

cc Washington Field

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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

F. L. Jones

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH R.
HEDE MASSING ADVISED THAT SHE WAS CONTACTED EVENING OF ONE TWELVE
FORTY NINE BY ARTHUR M. ROARK JR., WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A DETECTIVE
FOR THE HOME LIFE INSURANCE CO. HE STATED THAT LAURENCE DUGGAN HAD
TAKEN OUT A LARGE POLICY TWO YEARS AGO AND IT WAS ROARKS JOB TO
INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF DUGGANS DEATH. IF SUICIDE, THE CO. WOULD NOT
HAVE TO PAY. HE STATED THAT HE KNEW DUGGAN HAD BEEN QUESTIONED AT
LENGTH BY THE FBI AND HAD BEEN SHOWN A PHOTO OF HEDE MASSING.

ROARK SHOWED HEDE A LARGE NUMBER OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS CONCERNING
DUGGAN. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF HEDE KNEW DUGGAN, HOW SHE MET, WHETHER
OR NOT SHE FELT THERE WAS ANY FOUL PLAY IN DUGGANS DEATH AND WHETHER
SHE HAD APPEARED BEFORE HCUA AND THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY. HEDE ADVISED
ROARK THAT SHE KNEW DUGGAN SLIGHTLY. SHE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON HOW
SHE MET HIM OR WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP.

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SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS UNDER SUBPOENA AND DID NOT FEEL THAT SHE COULD FURNISH ROARK ANY ADDITIONAL INFO. HEDE BELIEVED THAT ROARK WAS A LEGITIMATE INSURANCE COMPANY INVESTIGATOR. HE SHOWED HER CREDENTIALS, LEFT HIS TELEPHONE NO. WORTH TWO DASH NAUGHT THREE NINE NAUGHT. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS THIS NUMBER IS LISTED TO SAMUEL W. ~~X~~SOLINS AN ATTORNEY AT THREE TWO NAUGHT BDWAY. THE MANHATTAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY REFLECTS THAT THERE IS A LISTING FOR ARTHUR M. ROARK JR., TWO BROADWAY. THE INDICES WERE NEGATIVE AS TO BOTH ROARK AND SOLINS. THE ABOVE IS BEING FURNISHED FOR THE INFO OF THE BUREAU.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 13, 1949

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
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Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Reference is made to Baltimore teletype to the Bureau and the Washington Field Office dated January 6, 1949.

Pursuant to suggestion in referenced teletype, Special Agents PAUL J. TIERNEY and ROBERT W. McCASLIN arranged an interview with Mr. JESSE S. ROGERS, an employee in the Safety Branch of the Chemical Corps, War Department, Temporary Building K, Room 2310.

At approximately 3:10 P. M., January 12, 1949, Special Agents PAUL J. TIERNEY and ROBERT W. McCASLIN entered Mr. ROGERS' office at the above listed address and arranged with him to meet in a vacant office adjoining his for an interview. The purpose of this interview was to ascertain Mr. ROGERS' connection with WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN, a principal in instant case.

Mr. ROGERS stated he became acquainted with WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN and his brother, GEORGE PIGMAN, at the time they were employed in the Cement Section at the Bureau of Standards. He felt this was approximately 1930. He said he worked directly with GEORGE PIGMAN and that he knew him better than he did WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN. Mr. ROGERS said he visited their homes and that he recalled visiting GEORGE PIGMAN's home subsequent to the war. He said he had no contact with WILLIAM PIGMAN subsequent to WILLIAM PIGMAN's return from Germany where it is known that he studied at the University of Leipzig.

Mr. ROGERS stated he was not sufficiently aware of WILLIAM PIGMAN's background to know definitely of his activities at the Bureau and added he was shocked when he read in the papers the information indicating that PIGMAN might have been involved with CHAMBERS.

It seemed at this point in the interview that Mr. ROGERS' comments were less casual and that he was searching more deeply for answers to the questions put to him concerning his relations with the PIGMANS. It was noted on numerous occasions that in answer to questions he stated it was difficult for him to recall; that he was interested in knowing if the Bureau had any specific information which might refresh his recollection.

Again in going over the contacts that Mr. ROGERS had with the PIGMANS he remarked that he wanted it understood that his meetings with them were of a social nature; that he never met the family other than in the presence of his wife; that he personally did not like WILLIAM PIGMAN; that he felt he was a

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"sneery" type of person; however, he added that PIGMAN's wife was very gracious and that his wife was fond of her. Mr. ROGERS stated to be exact as to the number of times he contacted the PIGMAN's home he would first prefer discussing the matter with his wife, he felt she would be able to refresh his memory.

Mr. ROGERS was asked if he visited WILLIAM PIGMAN after the latter's return from Germany. He stated he had not and that he had learned of PIGMAN's return only through a friend by the name of CONGER who he stated lived as a neighbor to him in Maryland. Mr. ROGERS did not know CONGER's present address but felt he was connected with some sanitary commission which is presently working in South America.

Mr. ROGERS then mentioned he did recall visiting GEORGE PIGMAN subsequent to the war; however, he could not recall the exact year. He was asked about meetings he might have attended at the PIGMAN home and he replied he could not recall having ever attended any meetings. It might be noted at this point that this question was put to Mr. ROGERS because Dr. HERBERT INSLEY of the Bureau of Standards stated ROGERS had urged him to attend secret meetings which were held at WILLIAM PIGMAN's home in Washington.

Mr. ROGERS hesitated unnecessarily in answering questions about meetings that he was alleged to have had with the PIGMANS. He then said he did recall having meetings at the Bureau of Standards but he explained these meetings as purely get togethers in connection with union activities in which he was interested on behalf of the engineers at the Bureau of Standards. Mr. ROGERS said it was his aim and the aim of several at the Bureau of Standards at that time to raise the status of professional engineers to the elevation of the medical and legal profession. He said he attended no more than three or four of these meetings for this purpose and again stated all these meetings were at the Bureau of Standards. He mentioned speaking at two of these meetings and jokingly remarked that he perhaps at that time looked upon union organizations more liberally than he does today. Mr. ROGERS felt that these above mentioned meetings occurred sometime during 1932 or 1933; however, he could not remember exactly what time of the year. He was asked if he could recall the gentlemen from the Bureau of Standards who were in attendance at these meetings and he said it was difficult but he felt that Dr. INSLEY and the PIGMANS must have been there and said that the only other person he could recall was a Mr. LACY WAGNER who, he stated, was employed by some cement company in the State of Missouri.

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Mr. ROGERS was asked if he recalled ever having attended any study groups or discussion conferences such as were alleged by Dr. INSLEY. He replied that he could not. He again asked if the interviewing agents could assist him by citing instances or times and when informed that it would be impossible for the agents to do so, he stated he could not recall; that he didn't want to say anything unless he was certain; that he was willing to cooperate, but he felt it would be better if he talked the matter over with his wife; that perhaps she would be able to bring to his recollection some meetings he might have had at the PIGMAN home.

At approximately 4:45 P. M., January 12, 1949, Mr. ROGERS was still as indefinite and uncertain about his associations with PIGMAN as he was in the initial stages of the interview and it was deemed advisable to terminate the interview. It was then agreed by Mr. ROGERS and the agents to continue the interview the following day after he had had an opportunity to discuss the matter with his wife. Arrangements were made for Mr. ROGERS to call the Washington Field Office on the morning of January 13, 1949.

At 11:00 A. M. this date and after not having received a telephone call from Mr. ROGERS, the interviewing agents telephonically contacted Mr. ROGERS' office and were advised at that time that Mr. ROGERS had passed away in his sleep at 11:00 P. M. January 12, 1949. This information was furnished by Miss GRABENKAM, a secretary in the office formerly occupied by Mr. ROGERS.

The Washington Field Office subsequently ascertained from the Coroner's Office of Dr. FRANK BRASHART, Gaithersburg, Maryland, that Mr. JESSE S. ROGERS died of a heart attack, coronary occlusion, natural causes, on the evening of January 12, 1949. It was determined further that Mr. ROGERS' wife reported this fact to the Coroner's Office at 7:05 A. M., January 13, 1949.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 13, 1949

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

hm SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
with aliases, et al
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

AIRMAIL

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Re report of SA MAURICE A. TAYLOR dated January 4, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

The VOLKOFF mentioned therein is in all probability identical with ISAAC FOLKOFF, a Communist Party functionary at San Francisco, California, who has been the subject of extensive investigation by the Bureau since 1940, and concerning whom information is available at New York City and Washington Field Offices. His photograph and description appear in the intelligence albums.

Enclosed for the New York Office are two additional photographs of ISAAC FOLKOFF. It is suggested that these photographs, along with the photograph in the intelligence album, be exhibited to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to see if he can possibly identify him as the man to whom he passed the money belt.

DET/jo
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cc New York (2 encl.) (Airmail)
Wash Field (Airmail)

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ET AL, PERJURY, ESP. DASH R.
RE NY TEL JANUARY TWELVE LAST. HANS INSLERMAN ADVISES THAT HE AND
FELIX INSLERMAN HAVE NOT LIVED TOGETHER SINCE NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR WHEN
FELIX WAS MARRIED WHICH RESULTED IN STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM.
RECALLS THAT SOMETIME SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL NINETEEN THIRTYSIX FELIX
MOVED TO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND WHERE HE HAD OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT WITH GLENN
L. MARTIN AIRCRAFT CORP. HANS AND HIS WIFE HAVE VISITED FELIX IN
BALTIMORE ON TWO OCCASIONS, ONE OF WHICH WAS IN APRIL NINETEEN FORTY.
THE DATE OF THE OTHER VISIT IS NOT RECALLED BUT MUST HAVE BEEN SUB-
SEQUENT HANS- MARRIAGE JULY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. HANS ALONE
OR WITH WIFE MAY HAVE MADE A THIRD VISIT TO BALTIMORE. HANS DOES NOT
RECALL ANY PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT IN FELIX-S POSSESSION OTHER THAN
A CAMERA OF ABOUT SIZE FOUR AND ONE HALF BY TWO AND ONE HALF PURCHASED
WHEN A CHILD AND CAMERA IN LEATHER CASE WITH SHOULDER STRAP WHICH MIGHT
HAVE BEEN A THIRTYFIVE MILLIMETER. STATES FELIX HAS BEEN INTERESTED
IN PHOTOGRAPHY SINCE A CHILD. FELIX NEVER MENTIONED ANY CONNECTION
WITH CHAMBERS ET AL, ANY CONNECTION WITH THE CP, ANY OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT
OTHER THAN HIS JOB WITH GLENN L. RECORDS NOR MAKING ANY TO WASHINGTON,
D. C. HANS DOUBTS IF HE WOULD HAVE MENTIONED SUCH CONNECTION TO HIM.

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AGE TWO

HANS STATES HE HAS NEVER BEEN APPROCHED BY FELIX OR ANYONE ELSE TO ENTER INTO ANY ACTIVITY INIMICAL TO THE U. S. FELIX HAS VISITED HANS TWICE AT HIS HOME IN LONG BRANCH, NJ BOTH VISITS BEING AFTER NINETEEN THIRTYNINE WHEN HE MOVED THERE AND HANS HAS VISITED FELIX IN CAMBRIDGE, NY IN OCTOBER NINETEEN FORTYFIVE AND NOVEMBER NINETEEN FORTYSIX AND IN LYNDBURST, LONG ISLAND PRIOR TO THAT TIME. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING FELIX NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO THIS OFFICE IS THAT HE WORKED AS A CHAUFFEUR FOR SOME WEALTHY NY FAMILY IN ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR AND THAT HE ATTENDED COOPER INSTITUTE PARENTHESIS PROBABLY COOPER UNION END PARENTHESIS FROM ABOUT NINETEEN TWENTYNINE TO ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE AND MAY HAVE ATTENDED BROOKLYN INSTITUTE. ANNA A ELIZABETH INSLERMAN, WIFE OF HANS , NOT INTERVIEWED IN ABSENCE IN INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

January 13, 1949

WFO, Richmond

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on January 12, 1949.

Re:

J. P. TERRANCE, CHAIRMAN, with aliases
et al
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Internal Security - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

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Examination requested by:

Reference:

Richmond

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by Letter

Walter Stein
12-16-74 JH B/ps

Examination requested:

Letter dated 1-10-49

Specimens:

~~Document~~

1270 Two pieces of paper bearing known typewriting specimens taken from
a Remington typewriter #1-422310.

Results of Examination:

It was concluded that the machine which was used to type 1270 was
not used to type Q6 through Q62.

1270 is retained in the files of the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 10, 1949

FROM : SAC, Richmond

ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

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SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
 PERJURY
 ESPIONAGE - R
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R
 Bureau File 74-1333

Enclosed herewith are two (2) pages of specimens of Woodstock typewriter # N-222310, one page being of all upper-case letters and the other page being all lower-case letters. These specimens, appropriately identified, are for comparison with the known writings of the HISS machine.

The Woodstock typewriter # N-222310 is now located at the residence of Mr. WALTER H. WHITE, Colonial Beach, Virginia, and was obtained by his daughter, Miss CATHERINE WHITE, from her uncle, Mr. JOHN TRUMBO, of Washington, D. C. Miss WHITE has had the typewriter in her possession for approximately two and one-half years during which period of time, to Mr. WHITE's knowledge, the same has not been repaired. Miss CATHERINE WHITE is now attending the McCoy School of John Hopkins University at Baltimore, Maryland and, therefore, was not available for interview.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Director, FBI

DATE:

January 14, 1949

FROM :

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT:

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Your attention is directed to Bureau teletype to all SACs dated January 10, 1949, in the above captioned matter.

① An exhaustive investigation is being made in neighborhoods where ALGER HISS resided in Washington, D. C. to determine whether any of his former neighbors have any information indicating that HISS was associated at any time with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. It should be observed that ALGER HISS alleges that he knew WHITTAKER CHAMBERS under the name of GEORGE CROSLY. These neighbors are being interviewed to determine whether they can furnish information corroborating CHAMBERS' allegation concerning HISS in this case. Photographs are being displayed to determine if they can recall having seen CHAMBERS in the neighborhood.

THOMAS SWANN resided at 1237 - 30th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and was a neighbor of ALGER HISS who resided at 1245 - 30th Street, N. W. from July 1, 1936 through January 4, 1938.

Rebulet to Richmond dated August 5, 1947, regarding SWANN. A review of the indices of the Washington Field Office reflects that SWANN was an applicant for the Central Intelligence Group in August, 1947, and as of that time was residing at City Point Inn, Hopewell, Virginia.

You are requested to locate and interview Mr. SWANN for all information in his possession concerning this case.

For your assistance, I am enclosing two photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, one taken in 1931 and the other taken in 1936. This matter should receive expeditious and prompt attention in compliance with referenced Bureau teletype.

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cc - Richmond (AMSD) (encl)
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DIRECTOR AND SAC, BOSTON

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
REBUSETS DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST, JANUARY THREE, LAST, AND JANUARY TEN,
LAST. BOSTON REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW PAUL A. FREUND, FORMERLY AN ATTORNEY
IN SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE WHILE ALGER HISS WAS ALSO SO EMPLOYED.

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cc - New York: by Mail

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DIRECTOR AND SACS NEW YORK CITY AND EL PASO URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. DENVER TEL TWELFTH INSTANT TO SALT LAKE CITY AND EL PASO REQUESTED INTERVIEW WITH CRAIG VINCENT, WHO REPORTEDLY IS NOW IN RENO, NEVADA OBTAINING DIVORCE. NO RECORD OF DIVORCE ACTION FILED BY VINCENT IN RENO, HOWEVER, THESE ACTIONS NOT ORDINARILY FILED UNTIL DAY DIVORCE GRANTED UNLESS ACTION HAS SOME COMPLICATIONS, SUCH AS SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION, CROSS COMPLAINT BY DEFENDANT, ETC. TO LOCATE VINCENT IN RENO WOULD REQUIRE EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF NUMEROUS HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST RANCHES OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE, CANVASSING ALL ATTORNEYS IN RENO. HOWEVER THIS WOULD NOT BE CONCLUSIVE AS MANY PERSONS GETTING DIVORCES IN RENO AREA MAY RESIDE IN VICINITY OF RENO BUT OBTAIN DIVORCE IN SOME OTHER COUNTY IN NEVADA. EL PASO ADVISE WHETHER VINCENT'S ADDRESS AVAILABLE THROUGH JENNY WELLS, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO. INVESTIGATION RENO BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THIS ADVICE.

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FBI ALBANY 1-14-49 7-57PM
DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MIAMI ...URGENT...

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.
RE NY TEL JANUARY THIRTEEN STATING QUOTE T.J. DONEGAN ADVISES THAT
A MEMBER OF THE G.J. RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A FRIEND, JEROME B.
RICE, JR. OF SHUSHAN, NY. RICE STATES IN LETTER THAT MR. DUANE
BROWNELL, CENTER CAMBRIDGE, NY, IS A NEIGHBOR OF FELIX INSLERMAN
AND MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE INFORMATION RE HIM. DONEGAN DESIRES
BROWNELL INTERVIEWED IF NOT ALREADY DONE. GJ SOURCE OF INFO SHOULD
BE MAINTAINED CONFIDENTIAL, UNQUOTE. MR. AND MRS. DUANE BROWNELL
ADDRESS EIGHT FOUR SIX CARLTON AVENUE, LAKE WALES, FLORIDA.
BROWNELL RETIRED OFFICIAL RICE SEED COMPANY, CAMBRIDGE, NY, RECENTLY
OWNED FARM NEAR INSLERMANS. MIAMI HANDLE.

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DIRECTOR

URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESP R. ALBANY
TEL FOURTEENTH INSTANT FELIX A. AND ELIZABETH INSLERMAN IN TESTIMONY
BEFORE GJ REFUSED TO STATE NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT OF FELIX DURING PERIOD
PRIOR TO MARCH THIRTYSEVEN. ELIZABETH INSLERMAN IN GJ TESTIMONY STATES
SHE WAS VISITED OCCASIONALLY AT BALTIMORE HOME BY MILDRED HORNING,
GIRLFRIEND FOR MANY YEARS WHO RESIDES AT R. D. NO. ONE, ARGYLE, NY,
REVIEW OF BANK RECORDS OF INSLERMAN AT LINDERHURST BANK, NY REFLECTS
DEPOSIT BY FELIX ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE FORTYTHREE OF CHECK DATED
SEPTEMBER TWENTY FORTYTHREE DRAWN ON NATIONAL BANK OF ARGYLE, ARGYLE,
NY, TO ORDER OF ELIZABETH INSLERMAN IN AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY
DOLLARS, CHECK NO. ONE FIFTEEN ON ACCOUNT OF TED HORNING. ALBANY
REINTERVIEW TED AND MILDRED HORNING FOR ALL KNOWLEDGE OF ACTIVITIES
OF INSLERMAN WITH REFERENCE TO AFOREMENTIONED EMPLOYMENT PERIOD.
ALSO PERIOD FEBRUARY TO MAY THIRTYEIGHT CONCERNING WHICH PERIOD INSLER-
MAN LIKEWISE REFUSES TO TESTIFY RE EMPLOYMENT. WITH REFERENCE TO
EARLIER PERIOD, FOR ASSISTANCE OF ALBANY OFFICE, IT IS NOTED THAT
CHAMBERS ADVISES THAT FELIX INTRODUCED TO HIM BY BYKOV IN EARLY
THIRTYSEVEN AS PAID FUNCTIONARY OF CP. SUTEL RESULTS.

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URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. - R. RE REPORT
OF SA E. WILSON PURDY, JAN. ELVEN, FORTY NINE. RESULTS OF LABOR-
ATORY EXAMINATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY YOU IN FORM OF REPORT PER
BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

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FBI WASHINGTON FIELD 1-14-49 3:30 PM URGENT
DIRECTOR AND SAC, ST. PAUL

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
ST. PAUL IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW JOHN V. GRAFF, TWO ONE NINE FIVE
PRINCETON AVENUE, ST. PAUL. GRAFF WAS EMPLOYED AT DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE DURING THE SAME PERIOD ALGER HISS WAS SO EMPLOYED. GRAFF
SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED REGARDING ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE RE HISS'
ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN THE CP UNDERGROUND, IN WASHINGTON, DC, HIS
ASSOCIATES, IN ADDITION TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF BULET DATED JANUARY
TEN, LAST, TO ALL SACS IN CONTINENTAL U.S.

H. Mr. Fletcher
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Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

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WA 10 AND NY 3 FROM BA 14 4-35 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. REURTEL
JAN ELEVEN LAST. RAND MC NALLY BANKING BOOK, TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
BANK OFFICIALS FAIL TO DISCLOSE ~~IDENTITY~~ IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF
BALTIMORE GUARANTY TITLE AND TRST CO. OR GUARANTY TITLE AND TRUST CO.
ASCERTAINED THE TITLE GUARANTEE CO. KNOWN AS TITLE GUARANTEE AND TRUST
CO. UNTIL DEC THIRTYONE FORTYSEVEN. INQUIRY REVEALED BANK DID NOT
MAINTAIN NORTH AVE BRANCH. IN ALL HAD APPROXIMATELY FORTYFIVE DE-
POSITORS RECORDS FAIL TO ~~DISC~~ DISCLOSE ACCOUNT FOR NAMES LISTED INURTEL.
EASTERN BRANCH OF EQUITABLE TRUST CO., THIRTYFOUR SEVENTEEN EASTERN
AVE., J. LAWRENCE ROSENBERGER MANAGER, REFLECTS SAVINGS ACCOUNT NO.
FIVE SEVEN THREE SIX IN NAMES OF ELIZABETH ~~INSLERMAN~~ AND FELIX INSLERMAN
INSLERMAN JOINT OWNERS. ACCOUNT OPENED SEPT FIFTEEN THIRTYNINE WITH
CASH DEPOSIT OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS WITH DRAWALS ON DEC TWELVE THIRTY-
NINE TWENTYDOLLARS, DEC FIFTEEN THIRTYNINE, TWENTY DOLLARS
MARCH FOURTEEN FORTYONE ~~DISC~~ FIFTYNINE DOLLARS AND FIFTYCENTS, MARCH
TWENTY THREE FORTTWO CLOSED WITHDRAWAL OF FIFTYCENTS. SIGNATURE CARD
REFLECTS ADDRESS AS SIX ROSELAND AVE., EMPLOYMENT GLENN L. MARTIN,
MIDDLE RIVER. YOUR ARE REQUESTED TO AGAIN CONTACT YOUR SOURCE OF
INFORMATION FOR THE CORRECT NAME OF BANK WERE INSLERMAN MAINTAINED HIS
ACCOUNT. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED IN THIS REGARD
UNTIL WORD IS RECEIVED FROM YOU.

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U R G E N T

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R.
RE WASH FIELD LETTER TO BUREAU OF DECEMBER TWENTYTHIRD LAST REQUESTING
INTERVIEW WITH JOSEPH S. DAVIS, FORMERLY OF FEDERAL FARM BOARD. DAVIS
WAS NOT WELL ACQUAINTED WITH WADLEIGH AND SUGGESTS CONTACT WITH FOLL-
OWING FELLOW EMPLOYEES OF WADLEIGH - CHARLES F. SARLE, PRESENTLY WITH
U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, PROBABLY BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS,
WASHINGTON, DC, GEORGE C. HAAS, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, AND
R. I. NOWELL, VICE PRESIDENT EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, NEW YORK
CITY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 1/14/49

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

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 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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 Miss Nease _____
 Miss Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

For record purposes former Special Agent Louis J. Russell, now associated with the House Un-American Activities Committee, called on January 12 to advise that a story appeared concerning him in the Washington Daily News, that the news story stated that he was on leave of absence from the Bureau. Russell stated that this, of course, was not true and immediately after noting it, he wanted to call to state that he had not given out the information. I told him we understood this and appreciated his call. He then stated that also he had been instructed by Congressman Nixon to pass the word on to me that he, Nixon, had heard that there was a rumor being circulated that Nixon was after the Director and the Bureau. Nixon says that there is no truth to this, that he is on the side of the Bureau and the Director, and if we ever want proof we should ask him for it. I told Russell we appreciated his comments but that I also recall very distinctly Nixon calling me on the phone recently late at night, requesting that I advise nobody but the Director about the call, and I also recall that a couple of weeks later Nixon issued a statement to the press wherein he had said that the FBI was cognizant of certain developments in the Hiss-Chambers case because he, Nixon, had personally told the FBI. I told Russell that he could tell Nixon for me that actions speak louder than words.

Russell further told me that there was a great deal of tugging from down there on who would make up the new committee and there was a very good possibility that former Agent Velde would go on the committee. You will recall that he was the individual who asked to be heard by the committee to testify that he was head of the second-story squad.

Velde gave story to newspaper reporter when enroute Washington to testify that he had been on second story squad in FBI

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☐ Mr. Nease
☐ Miss Gandy
☐ Personnel Files
☐ Records Section
☐ Mrs. Skillman

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RELET FROM DIRECTOR TO NEW YORK DATED JANUARY THREE, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT.
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R. REVIEW
FILE OF JESSE S. ZIMMERMAN SGT. ASN THREE THREE ONE EIGHT NAUGHT ONE TWO
FOUR, WA CLEM GRAHAM AT RECORDS ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ST. LOUIS AND
FURNISH COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION AND
THIS OFFICE BY TELETYPE. FORWARD PICTURE OF ZIMMERMAN TO NEW YORK AND
BALTIMORE IF AVAILABLE, BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.

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Post Office Box 812
Chicago 90, Illinois

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

January 14, 1949

Director, FBI

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was.;
ALGER HISS, Et al.
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Re attached report of SA WESLEY A. ANDERSON dated January 14, 1949, at Chicago.
No copy is being submitted for the Butte Office. ~~DEFERRED BY CHAMBERS~~

Pages 2, 3 and 4 of the above report contain the results of an interview with HERMAN L. MEYER, Associate Professor, Mathematics Department, University of Chicago, a former fellow employee of FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland.

On Pages 2 and 3 other fellow employees of RENO at this project are listed as follows: EDWARD J. MC SHANE, ARTHUR S. PETERS, JOHN L. KELLEY, A. T. MORRIS, J. V. LEWIS and members of the United States Army, HERB FEDERER and KIRK FORT. Because all fellow employees of RENO at Aberdeen were to be interviewed, a lead has not been set out to interview these persons but they are being called to the attention of the Bureau and Baltimore in the event that interviews with any of them may have been overlooked.

Page 4 of the report lists a group of persons whose names were furnished by FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO to MEYER as friends of RENO at the time MEYER contemplated a trip to California after he left the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. These persons are listed as follows:

FREDERICK WOKLER
Editor of a newspaper
Casper, Wyoming

Mrs. ROSE KLEIN
Winspear, Idaho

VICTOR BURKE
Boulder, Colorado

BRUCE and ETHEL PORTER
Jackson, Wyoming

JAMES AMASE
Route 3
Jackson, Wyoming

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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was.;
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~~BILL SOLLEY~~
Climax, Colorado

~~GEORGE and CLARA CONKLIN~~
Leadville, Colorado

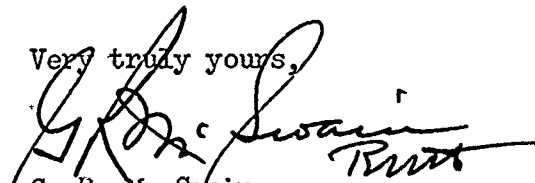
~~ED SCHUENEMAN~~
Leadville, Colorado

~~WILBUR STUART~~
Salida, Colorado

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Denver Office, in which division all the persons except Mrs. ROSE KLEIN reside; and to the Butte Office for use in the event either the Bureau or New York desires that any of these persons be interviewed.

Attention of the New York Office is directed to the information re MORRIS ASIMOW appearing on Pages 14 and 15 of the above report. It is suggested that New York review this material to ascertain whether any further investigation along this line is desired.

Very truly yours,


G. R. Mc Swain
Special Agent in Charge

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R. RE NEWARK TEL JAN. THIRTEEN NINETEEN FORTYNINE. ANNA ELIZABETH
INSLERMAN, WIFE OF HANS INSLERMAN, SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED ALONG THE SAME
LINES AS INTERVIEW WITH HIM.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, IS - R. ESPIONAGE R. RE RENO. RE BALTO TEL JANUARY SIX LAST AND WFO TEL JANUARY ELEVEN LAST. LATTER TEL ADVISED COL. CLERENCE S. THORPE, RETIRED, FORMERLY STATIONED AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, IS PRESENTLY LIVING RURAL ROUTE ONE, ADMORE, SIDNEY, B. C. CANADA. COL. SMINK, RETIRED, PERRYMAN, MD. ADVISED THORPE WAS IN CHARGE OF AIRFIELD AT APG. SMINK ALSO ADVISED THE NAVY HAD SENT THE FORERUNNER OF THE NORDEN BOMB SIGHT TO APG FOR TESTS IN NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR. THERE WAS ALSO SOME EXPLANATORY DATA RE THE SIGHT. SMINK DOES NOT RECALL RENOS EVER TRYING TO BORROW THE PAPERS OR SEE THE SIGHT BUT KNOWS HE WAS ACTIVELY WORKING ON BOMB BALLISTIC TABLES. ALSO RENO REPORTED BY COL. SIMON, DIRECTOR OF BALLISTICS RESEARCH LABORATORY, APG, TO HAVE CONFERRED RE SIGHT WITH THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF NORDEN, AND ALSO COL. H. H. ZORNIG, DR. R. H. KENT, DR. L. S. DEDERICK AND COL. SIMON. CONFERENCE REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT BRL IN LATE NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN OR EARLY THIRTY EIGHT. KENT, DEDERICK AND SIMON UNABLE TO RECALL DETAILS OF CONFERENCE. KENT AND DEDERICK DO NOT RECALL RENO BEING PRESENT. SIMON BELIEVED ONE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM NORDEN WAS NAMED TEN BROOK, FIRST NAME UNKNOWN.

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NEW YORK WILL ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE WHO REPRESENTTIVES OF NORDEN WERE AND ASCERTAIN EXTENT OF RENOS KNOWLEDGE OF BOMB SIGHT FOR THEM.

SEATTLE WILL INTERVIEW COL. THORPE REGARDING EXTENT OF RENOS KNOWLEDGE OF BOMB SIGHT AND ALSO WHETHER THORPE HAD ANY REASON TO BELIEVE RENO MAY HAVE GIVEN INFORMATION TO WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. RENO IN SIGNED STATMENT ADMITTED GIVING CHAMGERS A TEXTBOOK OF THE ORDNANCE SCHOOL AT ABERDEEN DEALING WITH BALLISTICS, TWO FIRING TABLES WHICH WERE COMPOSED OF MATHEMATICAL DATA CONCERNING THE SIXTEEN INCH GUN AND A THIRTY OR FIFTY CALIBRE MACHINE GUN AND A DIAGRAM OF A BOMB SIGHT, ALSO HIS OWN THEORY REGGARDING THE OPERATION OF A BOMB SIGHT. THIS OCCURRED LATE IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN OR EARLY IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R; IS - R.
ROBERT ORR, NASHVILLE TRUST BUILDING, NASHVILLE, WAS EMPLOYED AT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DURING PERIOD ALGER HISS WAS ALSO SO
EMPLOYED. NASHVILLE WILL INTERVIEW ORR WITH REFERENCE TO ANY INFORMATION
HE MAY HAVE AS TO ASSOCIATES OF ALGER HISS AND HISS' ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP
IN CP UNDERGROUND IN WASHINGTON, DC, IN ADDITION TO SUBJECT MATTER OF
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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
WILLIAM V. CROSSWHITE, AN ATTORNEY WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FORMERLY
EMPLOYED AT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WITH ALGER ^① HISS. CROSSWHITE
IS IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR THE ENSUING THREE WEEKS AS COUNSEL IN THE CASE
PENDING THERE ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CAN BE CONTACTED
THROUGH THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION. SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW
CROSSWHITE WITH REFERENCE TO ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE AS TO ASSOCIATES
OF ALGER HISS WHILE AT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND ANY INFORMATION AS TO
HISS' ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN THE CP UNDERGROUND IN WASHINGTON, DC, AS WELL
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R, IS-R.
REBULET JANUARY TWELVE LAST. MRS. ALICE BERRY, SECRETARY TO PRESI-
DENT, HAVERFORD COLLEGE, HAVERFORD, PA., ADVISED HISS ONLY APPEAR-
ANCE AT COLLEGE WAS AT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES IN JUNE, FORTYSEVEN.
SHE BELIEVES HISS ATTENDED AS RESULT OF ORAL INVITATION FROM PRESI-
DENT. NO RECORD OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE FROM HISS HAS BEEN RETAINED
IN COLLEGE FILES. PRESIDENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 14, 1949

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.
ALGER HISS, ETAL.
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet January 12, 1949.

The claims file on the policies of THOMAS F. FANSLER, deceased father of PRISCILLA HISS, in the offices of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, was previously examined for possible typewriter specimens in instant case.

However, in order that none had been overlooked, the file was re-examined this date and no further specimens were found. It was noted therein that what business PRISCILLA HISS has had in the past concerning the policies of her father, under which she is a beneficiary and receives an annuity, has been conducted through the general agents of that company in Philadelphia. When PRISCILLA HISS had occasion to communicate directly with the company, she has done so in her own handwriting. There are at least two letters in the file from her in her handwriting. These handwriting specimens were not obtained as it does not appear at this time that the handwriting of PRISCILLA HISS is involved in instant case.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY DASH ESPIONAGE
DASH R. RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELETYPE TO LA DATED JANUARY
TWELVE REQUESTING INTERVIEW STEEPHEN MC KEVETT FARRAND WHO WAS AN
ATTORNEY IN SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE WHILE ALGER HISS WAS EMPLOYED
THERE IN THIRTYFIVE DASH THIRTY SIX. FARRAND INTERVIEWED JANUARY
THIRTEEN, ADVISED FIRST MET HISS MARCH FOURTEEN, THIRTY SIX AT
SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE. THEREAFTER WAS CLOSELY ACQUAINTED SOCIALLY
WITH ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS UNTIL THIRTYEIGHT WHEN FARRAND LEFT
WASHINGTON. RENEWED SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE DURING WAR WHEN FARRAND IN
PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL'S OFFICE AND STATIONED IN WASHINGTON, HOWEVER
CONTACTS DURING WAR LESS FREQUENT THAN PREVIOUSLY. FARRAND AGAIN
SAW HISS IN NY IN MARCH FORTYEIGHT FOR A SOCIAL VISIT. FARRAND HAS
NO RECOLLECTION EVER DISCUSSING COMMUNISM WITH HISS. HAS NO
RECOLLECTION OR INFORMATION THAT HISS INDICATED APPROVAL OF RUSSIAN
FORM OF GOVERNMENT OR INTEREST IN COMMUNISM OR WAS ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE
ACTIVITIES. FARRAND RECALLS HISS OWNED A CAR IN THIRTY SIX DASH

THIRTYEIGHT BUT HAS NO FURTHER RECOLLECTION THIS MATTER.
HE NEVER SAW TYPEWRITER AT HISS HOME. FARRAND STATES HISS WAS GOOD
FRIEND AND HE KNOWS NOTHING UNFAVORABLE ABOUT HIM. THREE TYPE

WRITTEN LETTERS FROM HISS TO FARRAND FORWARDED TO LA BY AMSD
TODAY. TWO LETTERS DATED NINETEEN FORTY AND ONE DATED NINETEEN

FORTYSEVEN. IN NOVEMBER, FORTYEIGHT, CHARLES HORSKY,
WASHINGTON ATTORNEY, WROTE TO FARRAND REQUESTING INFORMATION

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RE FARRANDS ASSOCIATIONS WITH HISS, ANY INFORMATION REGARDING QUOTE
A SECOND CAR UNQUOTE OWNED BY HISS. HORSKY ADVISED FARRAND HE WAS
HELPING MARBURY, HISS ATTORNEY, LINE UP FACTS IN CIVIL SUIT BY
HISS AGAINST CHAMBERS. FARRAND SENT ~~XXXX~~ REQUESTED REPORT TO
HORSKY ON NOVEMBER EIGHT FORTYEIGHT WITH ~~COMPLEX~~ COPY OF ALGER HISS.
FARRAND STATED THIS REPORT ~~ONXXX-CONTAINDEXXX~~ CONTAINED BRIEFLY SAME
INFORMATION REGARDING HISS AS FURNISHED TO LA AGENTS. Kisseloff-3844

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP-R.
NO. ONE. REFERENCE IS MADE TO TELEPHONE CALL FROM INSPECTOR H. B.
FLETCHER TO ASAC BELMONT AT TWELVE FIFTY PM, JAN. THIRTEENTH, REGARDING
TYPEWRITER PHASE OF THIS CASE. REFERENCE IS ALSO MADE TO BUREAU TEL
DEC. SEVENTH, FORTY EIGHT, TWO TWENTY EIGHT PM, ADVISING THAT ONE DOC-
UMENT OF THE SIXTY FIVE DOCUMENTS WAS APPARENTLY TYPED WITH A MACHINE
EQUIPPED WITH TYPE MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLING THE ROYAL ELITE STYLE OF
TYPE. THIS DOCUMENT NOW KNOWN AS Q FIVE. IN YESTERDAYS CONVERSATION
MR. FLETCHER INSTRUCTED THAT THE ROYAL TYPEWRITER ON WHICH Q FIVE WAS
TYPED WILL HAVE TO BE LOCATED. ACCORDINGLY IT IS ASSUMED BY THIS OFFICE
THAT THE LABORATORY HAS DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED Q FIVE AS HAVING BEEN TYPED
ON A ROYAL TYPEWRITER. IT IS NOTED THAT NUMEROUS LAB REPORTS RECEIVED
BY THIS OFFICE/FOR EXAMPLE, LAB REPORT DATED JAN. SEVENTH, FORTY NINE,
SETTING FORTH RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS OF K TWO FOURTEEN AND K TWO FIF-
TEEN/ INDICATE THAT THE LAB IS EXAMINING HISS TYPEWRITING SPECIMENS
SUBMITTED BY THE FIELD FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES WITH ONLY Q SIX THROUGH
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SUCH AN EXAMINATION WOULD APPARENTLY BE ADEQUATE WHEN IT IS KNOWN THAT THE SPECIMENS SUBMITTED BY THE FIELD ARE KNOWN TO BE TAKEN FROM A WOOD-STOCK TYPEWRITER. HOWEVER IN MANY INSTANCES TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS ARE BEING SUBMITTED BY THE FIELD AND IT IS NOT KNOWN ON WHAT TYPE OF MACHINE THE DOCUMENTS WERE TYPED /FOR EXAMPLE ABOVE MENTIONED K TWO FOURTEEN AND K TWO FIFTEEN/. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE LAB IN SUCH INSTANCES EXAMINE ALL SPECIMENS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE FIELD AND WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE FIELD WITH Q FIVE ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME OF THESE SPECIMENS MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH Q FIVE. NO. TWO. WITH REFERENCE TO LOCATING THE ROYAL TYPEWRITER ON WHICH Q FIVE WAS TYPED, BUREAU'S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO NY TEL DATED JAN. FIFTH, FORTY NINE, FIVE FIFTY NINE PM, REFLECTING INTERVIEW WITH CYNTHIA JONES. IN THAT INTERVIEW CYNTHIA JONES ADVISED SHE LOANED A ROYAL PORTABLE TYPEWRITER TO ALGER HISS IN OCT., FORTY TWO, WHEN SHE WENT TO SAN FRAN. HISS RETURNED THIS TYPEWRITER TO HER IN THE FALL OF NINETEEN FORTY FIVE. JONES CLAIMS TO HAVE PURCHASED THIS ROYAL PORTABLE IN NINETEEN FORTY ONE FROM SOME UNRECALLED DEPT. STORE IN NYC.

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CLAIMS SHE MIGHT HAVE PURCHASED IT IN MACYS DEPT. STORE OR IN SOME ROYAL TYPEWRITING AGENCY. CLAIMS SHE MET ALGER HISS FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE WEDDING OF HIS BROTHER, DONALD, AND THAT THE FIRST TIME SHE EVER LOANED HIM TYPEWRITER WAS AS HERETOFORE INDICATED IN NINETEEN FORTY TWO. SHE AGAIN LOANED HIM THIS TYPEWRITER IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN^{EN} AND HE RETURNED IT IN THE SUMMER OF FORTY SEVEN. HE AGAIN BORROWED IT IN NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, AND IT HAS NOT YET BEEN RETURNED TO HER. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS LAST BORROWING, IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW JONES ADVISES THAT SHE WAS CONTACTED BY ONE ~~X~~ROSENWALD, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS BEING FROM THE OFFICE OF EDWARD ~~X~~MC LEAN, ATTORNEY FOR ALGER HISS. SHE FIXES THIS CONTACT AS THE DAY FOLLOWING NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS INDICATING THAT A "MYSTERY WOMAN" NAMED BLANK ~~X~~KLEINER WAS BEING SOUGHT- IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION. NY FILES REFLECT THAT THIS PUBLICITY OCCURED IN NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF DEC. EIGHTEENTH IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACTIVITIES IN NYC OF REPRESENTATIVE MC DOWALL OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE. IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW JONES CLAIMS SHE WAS CONFUSED WHEN SHE STATED ROSENWALD SECURED THE TYPEWRITER FROM HER, AND THAT IT WAS NOT ROSENWALD BUT ALGER HISS WHO HAD COME TO HER AND BORROWED THE TYPEWRITER.

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SHE STILL CLAIMED THAT THIS LAST BORROWING BY HISS WAS AT THE TIME OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE MYSTERY WOMAN. JONES ADVISED THAT SHE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INTERVIEWED IN MC LEANS OFFICE, AT WHICH TIME ROSENWALD WAS PRESENT AND DURING WHICH INTERVIEW SHE WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING HER TYPEWRITER, AS TO THE NUMBER OF TIMES AND DATES ON WHICH SHE LOANED IT TO ALGER HISS. SHE ADVISES THAT BY REASON OF THIS SHE SURMISES THAT HER TYPEWRITER IS IN THE POSSESSION OF ATTORNEY MC LEAN AND THAT HISS DOES NOT PHYSICALLY POSSESS IT. SHE HAS GRANTED THIS OFFICE PERMISSION TO SECURE THE TYPEWRITER AND TAKE SPECIMENS FROM IT. AS HERETOFORE INDICATED, JONES CLAIMS HER TYPEWRITER TO BE A ROYAL PORTABLE. BUREAU WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE IF Q FIVE WAS TYPED ON A ROYAL PORTABLE OR ROYAL STANDARD TYPEWRITER. DONEGAN WILL BE CONTACTED TO ASCERTAIN IF HE DESIRES CONTACT MADE WITH MC LEANS OFFICE TO SECURE SPECIMENS FROM JONES TYPEWRITER. NO. THREE. IN YESTERDAYS CONVERSATION MR. FLETCHER ADVISED THAT Q FIVE IS TYPED ON GOVT. BOND PAPER. IT IS ASSUMED THAT LAB HAS MADE PAPER EXAMINATION OF Q FIVE WITH Q SIX THROUGH Q SIXTY NINE. BUREAU WILL ADVISE RESULTS OF SUCH EXAMINATION.

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NO. FOUR. WITH REFERENCE TO THE SIXTY FIVE DOCUMENTS TURNED OVER BY CHAMBERS, CHAMBERS HAS ALLEGED THAT HISS WAS THE SOURCE OF THESE DOCUMENTS THAT HISS TOOK HOME ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FROM THE STATE DEPT., WHERE THEY WOULD BE COPIED ON A TYPEWRITER. THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS WOULD THEN BE RETURNED TO THE STATE DEPT. AND THE COPIED DOCUMENTS WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO CHAMBERS. THIS OFFICE IN COMPARING THE COPIED DOCUMENTS, PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF WHICH ARE IN OUR POSSESSION, WITH THE PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL STATE DEPT. DOCUMENTS, HAS OBSERVED THAT THE COPIED DOCUMENTS ARE NOT AS COMPLETE AS THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, THAT THERE ARE MISSPELLINGS OF WORDS IN THE COPIED DOCUMENTS AS WELL AS CONTRACTIONS OF WORDS WHICH ARE NOT IN THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, THAT ARTICLES SUCH AS "A" AND "THE" HAVE BEEN OMITTED FROM THE COPIED DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE IN THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO HAVING THE CRYPTANALYSIS SECTION OF THE LAB MAKE A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE COPIED DOCUMENTS TO DETERMINE A PATTERN OR STYLE PECULIAR TO THE AUTHOR WHO COPIED THOSE DOCUMENTS FROM THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. IT IS THEN SUGGESTED THAT ALL THE SPECIMENS OF THE WRITINGS, LETTERS, ETC,

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OF ALGER HISS AND PRISCILLA ~~X~~ HISS WHICH HAVE BEEN SECURED BY THE FIELD AND WHICH IN THE FUTURE WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE FIELD BE THOROUGHLY EXAMINED TO SEE IF ANY OF THESE SPECIMENS WERE WRITTEN BY THE AUTHOR OF THE COPIED DOCUMENTS, LOOKING OF COURSE FOR THE SAME MISSPELLINGS THE SAME CONTRACTIONS, AND ANY OTHER PECULIARITIES WHICH MIGHT BE OBSERVED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT IF SUCH AN EXAMINATION PROVES SUCCESSFUL IT COULD ALSO BE USED TO PROVE THAT Q FIVE, EVEN THOUGH TYPED ON A DIFFERENT TYPEWRITER THAN THE WOODSTOCK, WAS AUTHORED BY THE SAME AUTHOR AS THE AUTHOR OF Q SIX THROUGH SIXTY NINE. THIS OFFICE HAS IN ITS POSSESSION A LONG TYPEWRITTEN THESIS SUBMITTED BY PRISCILLA HISS IN CONNECTION WITH HER APPLICATION FOR A MASTERS DEGREE AT COLUMBIA UNIV., DATED NINETEEN TWENTY NINE, WHICH COULD BE USED IN THE SUGGESTED EXAMINATION. IT IS NOTED THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL INKED HANDPRINTED CORRECTIONS MADE IN THE THESIS TO CORRECT TYPED MISSPELLED WORDS. IT IS ALSO NOTED IN REVIEWING SOME OF THE PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THE COPIED STATE DEPT. DOCUMENTS IN OUR POSSESSION THAT IN A FEW INSTANCES SOME PAGES ALSO CONTAIN INKED HANDPRINTED CORRECTIONS. THEY APPEAR SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE LAYMANS EYE BUT OF COURSE WILL NEED EXPERT EXAMINATION.

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SOME OF THE INKED HANDPRINTED CORRECTIONS FOR EXAMPLE APPEAR ON DOCUMENT ENTITLED "VEINNA DATED FEB. FOURTEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT, REC-D ELEVEN FORTY FIVE PM," DIRECTED TO THE SEC. OF STATE, WASH., BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS "HAVE JUST SEEN" AND ENDING WITH THE WORDS "RESISTANCE IN AUSTRIA," TRANSMITTED BY WILEY. ALSO ON PAGE FOUR OF DOCUMENT ENTITLED "NEED FOR NEW POLICY IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MANCHUKUO." IT IS ALSO NOTED IN THE THESIS THAT WHEN THERE WOULD BE A TYPOGRAPHICAL MISPELLING A CERTAIN TYPE OF MARK TO TRANSPOSE THE LETTERS WOULD BE USED. THIS APPARENTLY SIMILAR MARK ALSO APPEARS ON SOME OF THE COPIED DOCUMENTS WHEN WORDS HAD BEEN MISPELLED AND THE AUTHOR OF THE COPIED DOCUMENTS CORRECTED THEM BY MAKING THE MARK TO EFFECT A TRANSPOSITION OF THE LETTERS. THE USE OF THIS PARTICULAR TYPE MARK OBSERVED IN BOTH THE THESIS AND THE COPIED DOCUMENTS MIGHT WELL BE A COMMONLY USED MARK, BUT IT IS BELIEVED WORTHY OF EXPERT EXAMINATION. IT HAS NOT BEEN ASCERTAINED WHETHER THE CORRECTIONS IN THE THESIS WERE MADE BY PRISCILLA HISS, BUT SUCH IS THE ASSUMPTION ACCORDING TO INQUIRES AT COLUMBIA UNIV. FOR INFO OF BUREAU, THIS THESIS HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU BECAUSE OF ITS DATE AND BECAUSE T. J. DONEGAN DID NOT FEEL IT ESSENTIAL TO SUBMIT AS A TYPEWRITING SPECIMEN.

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IF SUGGESTED EXAMINATION PRODUCES RESULTS, THE ENTIRE FIELD SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN NOT ONLY TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS EMANATING FROM ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS, BUT HANDWRITTEN SPECIMENS AS WELL, INASMUCH AS HANDWRITTEN SPECIMENS WOULD BE USEFUL IN SUCH AN EXAMINATION SINCE THEY MIGHT CONTAIN THE SAME PECULIARITIES. THESIS BEING TRANSPORTED TO BUREAU PERSONALLY BY SA BAGWELL WHO WILL DELIVER IT ^T TO MR. LADDS OFFICE TOMORROW.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 14, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

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4-1SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
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Rebulet January 3, 1949, instructing that a thorough neighborhood investigation be made at the addresses where ALGER HISS lived from 1943 until 1947 in Washington, D. C. These neighbors should be interrogated for any information indicating that HISS was associated at any time with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, regardless of the name CHAMBERS may have been using. It is recalled that ALGER HISS alleges that CHAMBERS was known to him from 1933 on 1934 until 1936 as GEORGE CROSLY. Photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS are to be displayed to neighbors to ascertain if they have ever seen him in the vicinity of ALGER HISS' home or visiting ALGER HISS.

Investigation reflects that LAWRENCE MALONE and Mrs. FRANK E. VOLKMAN formerly resided at 1535 - 54th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., during part of the period that ALGER HISS resided at 3415 Volta Place, N. W., which address is just around the corner from that of MALONE and Mrs. VOLKMAN. It has been ascertained that MALONE and Mrs. VOLKMAN are now residing at 710 Maine Street, Norwalk, Connecticut.

DEFERRED RECORDING

The New Haven Division is requested to interview MALONE and Mrs. VOLKMAN in conformance with the above Bureau instructions. For further background information, refer to Bureau teletype to all SACS in this matter dated January 10, 1949.

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Investigation reflects that ALEXANDER SHARP, Captain, U. S. Navy, resided at 1545 - 35th Street, N. W. in 1940, which is just around the corner from 3415 Volta Place, N. W., both Washington, D. C., where ALGER HISS resided from 1937 until 1943. Investigation reflects that Captain SHARP is now residing at Welcome, Maryland.

DEFERRED RECORDING

The Baltimore Division should interview Captain SHARP in conformance with the above Bureau instructions. For further background, refer to Bureau teletype to all SACS in this matter dated January 10, 1949.

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IS - R. RE UNSUB KEITH. T REVIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED AT VARIOUS
TIMES BY SUBJECT CHAMBERS RELATIVE TO UNSUB KEITH REFLECTS FOLLOWING
POSSIBILITY AS TO THIS SUBJECTS TRUE IDENTITY. CHAMBERS, IT WILL
BE RECALLED, KNEW SUBJECT FELIX A. INSLERMAN ONLY AS "FELIX." INVESTI-
GATION BY BALTIMORE SUBSEQUENTLY REVEALED FELIX TO BE THAT SUBJECTS
REAL FIRST NAME. POSSIBILITY, THEREFORE, THAT "KEITH" MAY BE UNSUB
KEITHS REAL FIRST NAME. CHAMBERS, WHEN LAST INTERVIEWED BY WFO,
AS RELECTED ON PAGE SEVEN OF REPORT OF SA MAURICE A. TAYLOR, DATED JAN
FOUR LAST, RECALLED THAT KEITHS REAL NAME MAY BE "CRANE ." ACCORDINGLY,
BALTIMORE HAS CHECKED WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT SIX NAUGHT FOUR FOR
EMPLOYMENT RECORD OF ANYONE NAMED "KEITH CRANE." A RECORD WAS LOCATED
FOR ONE KEITH DEMPSTER CRANE, SSN THREE SEVEN FIVE DASH TWENTY DASH
FIVE THREE ONE THREE, WHO FIRST APPLIED FOR SS MAY TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN
FORTYTWO. THIS LATE DATE OF REGISTERING FOR SS MAY BE SIGNIFICANT.
ON SS APPLICATION HE GAVE ADDRESS ROUTE FOUR, MASON, MICH., BORN DEC
TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN HUNDRED FIVE, AT MASON, FATHER CLAUDE L. CRANE,
MOTHER HATIE EVELYN DAVIS, EMPLOYED AS OF THAT DATE AT LUNDBERG SCREW
PRODUCTS CO., TWO ONE NAUGHT ONE W. WILLOW ST., LANSING, MICH. SUBSE-

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QUENTLY EMPLOYED, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] IN SEPT FORTYTWO, AT FETTIG CANNING CORP., PO BOX SEVENTYFIVE, ELWOOD, IND. MARCH, FORTYTHREE, TO MARCH, FORTYFIVE, SEVERANCE TOOL INC., PO BOX EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY, SAGINAW, MICH. JUNE, FORTYFOUR, THRU SEPT FORTYFOUR, b2 b7D
OURHAM OR DURHAM MANUFACTURING CORP., ASSOCIATED BLDG., SOUTH BEND, IND. FROM JUNE FORTYFIVE TO SEPT FORTYFIVE, OWENS ILLINOIS GLASS CO., OHIO BLDG., TOLEDO, OHIO. NO EMPLOYMENT LISTED FOR CRANE WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SINCE FORTYFIVE. THE DETROIT, INDIANAPOLIS AND CLEVELAND OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE COMPANIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO KEITH DEMPSTER CRANE. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN A PHOTOGRAPH OF HIM FROM THESE COMPANIES AND IN PARTICULAR TO ASCERTAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN AND NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. EFFORTS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE TO DETERMINE HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. IF PHOTO OF CRANE OBTAINED, SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO NEW YORK OFFICE FOR EXHIBITION TO JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS IN ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB KEITH. DETROIT REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN HIS SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD SO THAT FILE CAN BE REVIEWED FOR LOGICAL LEADS AS TO PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AS WELL AS HIS WHEREABOUT DURING YEARS THIRTYSEVEN AND THIRTYEIGHT. FOR INFORMATION OF
• OFFICES NOT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED WITH DATA ON UNSUB KEITH, SUBJECT CHAMBERS HAS ADVISED THAT A MEMBER OF THE ESPIONAGE APPARATUS UTILIZED FOR PHOTOGRAPHY WORK WAS PERSON NAMED KEITH. KEITH WAS ALLEGEDLY

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CONNECTED WITH COLONEL BYKOV, ONE OF THE PRINCIPALS IN THIS CASE, IN NYC. KEITH CAME TO WASH. IN THIRTYSEVEN FOR BRIEF PERIOD, WHERE HE DID PHOTOGRAPH WORK FOR CHAMBERS. KEITH WAS INTRODUCED TO CHAMBERS BY BYKOV. CHAMBERS OF OPINION KEITH CAME TO EAST FROM CALIFORNIA. HE DESCRIBED KEITH VAGUELY AS FOLLOWS -- AGE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY, NATIONALITY AMERICAN, GENTILE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET TEN TO SIX FEET, DARK HAIR, PALE COMPLEXION, EYES BELIEVED DARK, FOLDED DOWN AT CORNERS GIVING CHINESE APPEARANCE. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL LEADS THIS CASE BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION AND LEADS BE SET FORTH BY TELETYPE OR TELEPHONE.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP-R. WASHINGTON
FIELD IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW MARTHA POPE, WHO WAS THE MAID FOR ALGER
HISS IN WASH., DC. POPE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HCUA AND STATED THAT
SHE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED BY HISS FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS TO THIRTY FOUR OR
THIRTY FIVE. SHE RECALLED WORKING FOR HISS WHILE HE RESIDED AT THE P
ST., TWENTY EIGHT ST. AND O ST. ADDRESSES, AND SHE ASSISTED HISS IN
MOVING FROM THE TWENTY EIGHT ST. TO THE P ST. ADDRESS. IT WAS ASCER-
TAINED FROM READING VARIOUS TESTIMONY THAT SUBSEQUENT TO POPES EMPLOYMENT
WITH HISS, A JULIA RANKIN HAD BEEN EMPLOYED AS A MAID. RANKIN AT
THAT TIME WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE RESIDED AT FLORIDA AVE. ON A CURVE IN
THIS AVE. ACROSS FROM A CHURCH THAT SHE REGULARLY ATTENDED. ACCORDING
TO THIS TESTIMONY, HISS LATER EMPLOYED CLAUDIA CATHLETT OR CLYDIE
CATLEE AND A WOMAN NAMED DRUSILLA WHO LIVED IN GEORGETOWN, AND THESE
TWO MAIDS HAD BEEN EMPLOYED THROUGH THIRTY EIGHT. 12 JAN 24 1949
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MARTHA POPE, WHO RESIDES AT SEVEN FIVE EIGHT GRESHAM PLACE, WASH DC., SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED RELATIVE TO HER KNOWLEDGE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHAMBERS AND HISS AND SHE SHOULD BE QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER SHE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE MAIDS EMPLOYED BY HISS AS MENTIONED ABOVE. ALL OF THE ABOVE MAIDS SHOULD BE QUESTIONED AS TO THE TYPES OF TYPEWRITER THAT WERE IN THE HISS HOME AT THE TIME THEY WERE EMPLOYED THERE. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING ANY TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS IN THEIR POSSESSION AND AS TO THE IDENTITY OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE OBSERVED A TYPEWRITER IN THE HISS HOME AND WHO MAY BE IN POSSESSION OF TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS. MR. T. J. DONEGAN HAS ADVISED THAT HE IS PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF OBTAINING SPECIMENS OF THE HISS TYPEWRITER FOR THE YEAR THIRTY EIGHT. HE FURNISHED SOME OF THE ABOVE INFO FROM THE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE FGJ, SDNY, AND THIS INFO SHOULD BE TREATED IN A CONFIDENTIAL MANNER AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED.

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RE WFO TEL DATED ONE ELEVEN FORTYNINE.
MR. AND MRS. LAMONT MOORE ADVISED THEY RESIDED IN WASHINGTON NINETEEN
THIRTYNINE TO NINETEEN FORTYTHREE AND ALTHOUGH SOCIALLY ACQUAINTED TO
MINOR EXTENT WITH MR. AND MRS. HISS NEVER HAD ANY CORRESPONDENCE FROM
THEM. COULD NOT DEFINITELY STATE SEEING TYPEWRITER IN HISS HOME. MR.
MOORE STATES HAD VAGUE IDEA MRS. HISS MAY HAVE WRITTEN FASHION OR
SOCIETY COLUMN FOR A BALTIMORE PAPER. ALSO STATES HISS OFTEN INVITED
TO FUNCTIONS AT NATIONAL ART GALLERY AND WERE SOCIALLY ACQUAINTED WITH
ITS DIRECTOR, MR. MAC GILL JAMES. MRS. MOORE STATES HER COUSIN, MRS.
ANGELO LANZA, TWO TWO FIVE EAST FIFTYSEVENTH ST., NYC, PHONE ELDORADO
FIVE DASH FOUR NINE TWO EIGHT, WHO WAS EMPLOYED DURING WAR BY THE DEPT.
OF JUSTICE MAY HAVE BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH MRS. HISS AS BOTH WERE BRYN
MAWR GRADUATES.

WFO WILL REVIEW FILES OF NATIONAL ART GALLERY FOR ANY TYPEWRITTEN
CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR. OR MRS. HISS. WILL ALSO INTERVIEW MR. MAC GILL
JAMES TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE HAS ANY SUCH MATERIAL OR SAW TYPEWRITER
IN HISS HOME.
BALTIMORE WILL DETERMINE IF MRS. HISS WROTE COLUMN FOR ANY BALTIMORE

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PAPER DURING NINETEEN THIRTYNINE TO FORTYTHREE.

NY WILL, IF DEEMED ADVISABLE, INTERVIEW MRS. LANZA, WHO MAY HAVE KNOWN
MRS. HISS.

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RE NY TEL JAN FOURTEEN, ALL KNOWN TYPEWRITING SPECIMENS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH Q-FIVE AND NO IDENTIFICATION MADE. AS STYLE OF TYPE COMPARABLE TO IMPRESSIONS ON Q-FIVE CAN BE PLACED BY ROYAL ON BOTH THEIR PORTABLE AND STANDARD MACHINES IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHICH TYPED Q-FIVE. LABORATORY STANDARDS REFLECT DATE AND SERIAL NUMBER OF MACHINE THAT TYPED STANDARD WHEN ROYAL ENLARGED ELITE TYPE FIRST USED AS FEBRUARY TWENTY NINETEEN THIRTY SIX WITH SERIAL NUMBER H-ONE EIGHT FOUR SEVEN THREE ONE NINE. CONFORMING TO THIS INFORMATION ROYAL MACHINES HAVING LARGER SERIAL NUMBERS SHOULD BE SORT AFTER. ALL LETTERS PRECEDING SERIAL NUMBERS SHOULD BE IGNORED. PAPER EXAMINATION Q-FIVE REVEALS PORTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT WATERMARK USED ON GOVERNMENT BOND PAPER AT LEAST SINCE MARCH ONE NINETEEN TWENTY NINE. Q-SIX THROUGH Q-SIXTY NINE CONTAINS NO WATERMARK AND IS OF DIFFERENT SIZE AND THICKNESS THAN Q-FIVE. NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE AGE OF Q-FIVE THROUGH Q-SIXTY NINE FROM STANDPOINT OF PAPER OR TYPEWRITING THEREON. WHEN THESIS RECEIVED A REPORT WILL BE SENT NEW YORK OFFICE UPON COMPLETION OF STUDY WITH Q-FIVE THROUGH Q-SIXTY NINE.

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WHOSE IDENTITY IS NOT TO BE REVEALED, HAS INFORMED

THAT IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR WHILE STATIONED AT [REDACTED] JOHN KORAL, OF THE SAME ORGANIZATION TOLD IN CONFIDENCE HIS UNCLE, ALSO NAMED JOHN KORAL, MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO WASHINGTON, DC TO RETURN SECRET DOCUMENTS TO NYC FOR ALGER HISS. UNCLE ALLEGEDLY PAID THREE TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER TRIP. THREE TRIPS MADE IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN AND ONE IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT. PAPERS WERE OBTAINED FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL ON STREET CORNER IN WASHINGTON. INFORMANT, JOHN KORAL, FRANK T. CATE, EIGHT ONE EIGHT, EIGHTEENTH ST, APARTMENT FIVE, DES MOINES, IOWA, AND L. J. DICKSON, CHARLOTTE, NC, WERE BUDDIES AT TIME ALLEGED STORY RELATED. ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF KORAL RELATED SIMILAR STORY TO CATE. ALSO ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INFORMANT AND KORAL WHILE IN ARMY, TO ASCERTAIN ANY ULTERIOR MOTIVE WHY INFORMANT SHOULD MAKE SUCH STATEMENTS, AS JOHN KORAL DENIES HAVING AN UNCLE AND DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF STORY. INFORMANT-S ALLEGATION HIGHLY IMPORTANT IF TRUE. NYC ORIGIN. ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO BUREAU AND NYC BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED IN REPORT

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY; ESP DASH R. RE BOSTON TEL JAN. THIRTEEN, FORTYNINE INDICATING THAT PLAY SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER WAS PUT ON BY PETERBORO PLAYERS AT STEARNS FARM, PETERBORO, NY FROM TUES. THROUGH SUNDAY; APPARENTLY AUG. TEN TO AUG. FIFTEEN, THIRTYSEVEN INCLUSIVE. HISS AT THIS TIME WAS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE DEPT. AND IN EFFORT TO FURTHER SUBSTANTIATE CHAMBERS STORY, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT WASH FLD OFFICE CHECK THE LEAVE RECORDS FOR MR. HISS DURING THIS PERIOD TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE WAS ON ANNUAL, SICK OR OTHER LEAVE.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ALGER HISS ET AL PERJURY- ESPIONAGE
R. EDWARD STETTINIUS INTERVIEWED JANUARY FOURTEENTH AT SAVOY-PLAZA
HOTEL AND REVIEWED HIS ASSOCIATIONS WITH ALGER HISS FROM FIRST
MEETING IN FORTYFOUR WHEN ALGER WAS MADE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE
DUMBARTON OAKS CONFERENCE TO THE PRESENT. STETTINIUS WAS IN LONDON
AT THE TIME THE DUMBARTON CONFERENCE WAS CONCEIVED ON A SECRET MISSION
FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND UPON HIS RETURN CHARLES WILSON, PRESENT
AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY, WAS IN CHARGE OF THE PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION
OF THE CONFERENCE AND ALGER HAD BEEN SELECTED AS THE EXECUTIVE SECRE-
TARY FOR THE PLANNING GROUP. HE HAD BEEN UNDER CHARLES HORNBECK IN THE
FAR EASTERN DIVISION. HE DID NOT KNOW WHO HAD PROPOSED ALGER FOR
THE POSITION, OR FOR THE SIMILAR CAPACITY AT YALTA. HIS SELECTION FOR
THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE CAME AUTOMATICALLY. AT NO TIME HAD HE
SELECTED HISS FOR A POSITION AND TO A DIRECT QUESTION STATED HE DID
NOT KNOW WHO HAD BEEN INTERESTED AND HAD BEEN PUSHING HISS. HISS HAD
DONE EXCELLENT WORK AT ALL THE CONFERENCES AND HAD INGRATIATED HIMSELF
TO ALL. HE HAD, STETTINIUS, HANDLED THE RUSSIANS WITH THE SAME FIRMNESS
AS ANY AMERICAN PRESENT. HE HAD NEVER INDICATED ANY PRO- RUSSIAN
SYMPATHIES OR DISCLOSED SUBVERSIVE TENDENCIES. HE HAD COMPLETE FAITH
IN ALGER AND THE RECENT DISCLOSURES HAVE COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO
HIM. HE HAD CONTACTED ALGER AFTER THE MUNDT DISCLOSURES AND TOLD HIM

QUOTE HE STILL LOVE HIM UNQUOTE ALGER HAD ALSO REVIEWED A MANUSCRIPT OF

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A BOOK HE IS WRITING ABOUT YALTA, ENTITLED - ROOSEVELT AND THE RUSSIANS-. HE REITERATED HIS FAITH IN ALGER. ~~X~~MARBURRY, WHO WAS A CLASSMATE OF STETTINIUS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, RECENTLY VISITED HIM WITH REFERENCE TO THE CASE, APPARENTLY TO REBUILD STETTINIUS FAITH IN ALGER AND TO RUN DOWN CHAMBERS. MARBURRY DISCLOSED THAT HE HAD FOUND FOUR DOCUMENTS THAT MORNING IN HISS HANDWRITING WHICH HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO TURN OVER TO THE FBI., BUT WAS FIRST GOING TO ALGER-S APARTMENT AND TELL HIM ABOUT IT. A SHORT TIME AFTER MARBURRY-S VISIT, EASTMAN ROTHWELL, LIBRARIAN AT THE HOOVER LIBRARY AT PALO ALTO VISITED STETTINIUS AND IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE HISS CASE STATED THAT ALGER HAD A LIFELONG HOBBY OF DIGESTING FILES AND DOCUMENTS AND PLACING THEM IN IN A SAFE. THAT SOMEONE HAD STOLEN THESE DIGESTS. STETTINIUS POINTED OUT THAT AT NO TIME WHILE IN THE DEPARTMENT HAD ANYONE EVER BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION ABOUT ALGER. HE HAD NEVER SEEN THE BERLE REPORT ON THE CHAMBERS INTERVIEW. HE ADMITTED NEVER HAVING ASKED FOR HISS-S FILE OR CHECKING ON HIM. HE STATED HE HAD HAD THE FBI MAKE A SECURITY SURVEY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN LATE FORTYTHREE AND EARLY FORTYFOUR AND HE DID NOT RECALL IT CONTAINING ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HISS. G. HOWLAND SHAW HAD BEEN AT THAT TIME IN CHARGE OF THE SECURITY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THAT IF THERE WAS ANY TRUTH TO THE DISLOYALTY OF THE HISS BROTHERS WHY TOM CLARK HAD NOT WARNED HIM AND ALSO DEAN ACHESON SO THE LATTER WOULD NOT HAVE MADE SUCH AN UNQUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT OF DONALD ~~X~~HISS AND PLACED HIM

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APPARENTLY THE INTERVIEW TOOK THE EDGE OFF HIS FAITH IN ALGER SOMEWHAT AS HE REPEATEDLY ATTEMPTED TO DETERMINE IF THE INVESTIGATIONS HAVE VERIFIED CHAMBERS STATEMENTS, AND THEN TOOK THE TIME TO CAREFULLY RE-CONSTRUCT HIS ASSOCIATION WITH ALGER ALL OVER AGAIN. HE SUGGESTED A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE CONTACTED WHO MIGHT SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE PROBLEM. WHERE ADVISABLE APPROPRIATE LEADS WILL BE SET OUT TO INTERVIEW THEM. HE OFFERED HIS SERVICES IF HE COULD BE OF ANY FUTURE ASSISTANCE.

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TO : Mr. Harbo *PH*

FROM : Mr. Sizoo *JS*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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For your information a thorough study has been made of the typewriting impressions appearing on specimen Q5 and individual characteristics are so lacking that it is believed an identification could not be effected even though in the future typewriter impressions were secured from the machine which was used to type Q5. It has been previously ascertained that the typewriting on Q5 compared most closely with the Laboratory's standards for Royal enlarged Elite type spaced twelve letters to the inch. The machine that typed Q5 was practically new. *2-1*

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the above information be forwarded to the Security Investigative Division. *4-1*

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SAC, Chicago

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was,
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 Your file 65-3290

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #D-91118-BU dated January 13, 1949, in connection with the above entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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Very truly yours,

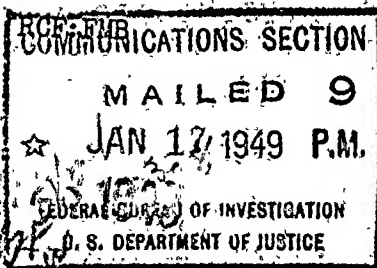
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To:

January 13, 1949

SAC, Chicago

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 13, 1949.

Re:

JAY DAVID WHITAKER (ALIAS), with aliases
ALGER HISS, with aliases; et al.
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by:

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K292 Typewritten letter on Department of State, Washington stationery, dated November 13, 1946, beginning: "Dear Dean Acheson: I want to take this... to Dean Acheson, signed in ink ALGER HISS."

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the typewriter which was used to type K292 was not used to type Q5 or Q6 through Q67.

Specimen K292 will be returned to the Chicago office after photographic copies have been made.

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.;
ALGER HISS, WAS.; ET AL
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Dear Sir:

ReBulet to New York January 5, 1949 advising that ALGER HISS delivered an address at Northwestern University during 1946 and requesting that the University be contacted for any typewritten correspondence from HISS. The attention of the Bureau is directed to the Chicago letter dated January 7, 1949 submitting letters to the FBI Laboratory which were obtained from the Illinois Law Review at the Northwestern University Law School. In these letters HISS referred to his lecture at the Northwestern University Law School on November 12, 1946.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

Mr. HAROLD C. HAVIGHURST, Dean, Northwestern University Law School, after reviewing the file concerning the lecture delivered by ALGER HISS in 1946, advised that the following is the only additional correspondence from HISS available at Northwestern University:

A typewritten letter on the letterhead of the Department of State, Washington, dated November 13, 1946, beginning, "Dear Dean Green: I want to take this occasion"; and signed by ALGER HISS.

Mr. HAVIGHURST was questioned regarding the possibility that correspondence from HISS prior to the lecture might be located, but he advised that none is available. He added that he knew who arranged the address and how this was accomplished, but did not desire to make this information available.

The initials of Special Agent WESLEY A. ANDERSON and Dean HAVIGHURST appear on the reverse side of the above-described letter, which is being submitted

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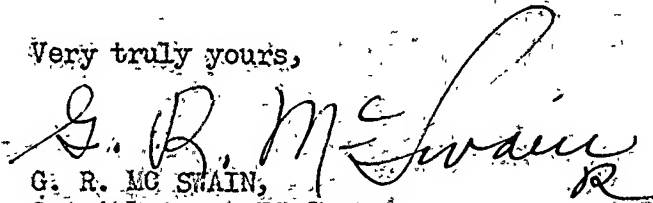
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herewith as an enclosure for comparison with the questioned documents in the above-captioned case.

At the conclusion of the Laboratory examination the letter should be forwarded to the Chicago Office in order that it may be returned to the Northwestern University Law School.

Very truly yours,


G. R. MC SWAIN,
Special Agent in Charge

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AS LEVEL HEADED AND NOT INCLINED TO BOAST. KNOWS NOTHING RE STORY
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INDIVIDUALS AS CLOSE FRIENDS OF KORAL IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR-
MICHAEL PETRISSI, OR PETRIZZI, WHO ENTERED ARMY WITH KORAL AND
PRESENT ADDRESS BELIEVED TO BE HEMPSTED, NEW YORK. IRWIN O. WEIL
BELIEVED RESIDING SEVEN ~~NAUGHT~~ NAUGHT SEVEN ~~POPLAR~~ POPLAR STREET, TOPEKA
OR WICHITA, KANSAS. HOWARD TUCKER, ADDRESS UNKNOWN.
TUCKER, ~~PETRIZZI~~ PETRIZZI AND WEIL IN ARMY WITH KORAL IN TRINIDAD AND
FT. JACKSON, S.C. ORGANIZATION WAS TWO FIFTYSECOND COAST ARTILLERY,
BATTERY C, SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, WHILE IN TRINIDAD, AND
FIVE HUNDRED THIRTIETH FIELD ARTILLERY, BATTERY C OR A WHILE IN
FT. JACKSON, S.C. CATE ADVISES SAMS WAS INTIMATE FRIEND OF KORAL.
CATE KNOWS OF NO ONE WHO WOULD ATTEMPT TO INVOLVE KORAL OR FURNISH
SUCH INFORMATION AS THAT RELATED BY SAMS AS HAVING COME FROM KORAL
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FT. JACKSON AND KORAL WAS A PRIVATE IN COMMUNICATIONS. NO LEADS
BEING SET OUT BY OMAHA FOR INTERVIEW OF TUCKER, PETRIZZI OR WEIL,
ASIT IS NOT KNOWN IF SUCH INTERVIEWS ARE DESIRED. REPORT
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R, IS-R.
RE WFO TEL JANUARY FOUR. LAWRENCE M. C^X SMITH, ATTORNEY, ADVISES HE HAS
KNOWN ALGER, PRISCILLA, DONALD, AND CATHERINE ~~HISS~~, SOCIALLY SINCE
ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE. INQUIRIES REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE, TYPE-
WRITER,, AND ACTIVITIES OF ALGER ^①HISS NEGATIVE, OTHER THAN SOCIAL CON-
TACTS. ACCORDING TO SMITH, ASSOCIATES OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS WERE
MR. AND MRS. RUDOLPH ~~STANLEY-BROWN~~, NOW IN NYC, HERBERT AND RUTH
~~FEIS~~, FEIS FORMER ECONOMIC ADVISOR AT STATE DEPARTMENT, PRESENTLY
A PROFESSOR AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, AND EDWARD ~~BERLIN~~, JR., AND
THEODORE ~~DOMINIC~~, ARCHITECTS AT WASHINGTON, DC. SMITH DESCRIBES SELF
AS "LEFT OF CENTER NEW DEALER", AS COMPARED WITH CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS.
STATES HE HAS BEEN CALLED A COMMUNIST, BUT DENIES HAVING SUCH BELIEFS.
SMITH, A MEMBER OF AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION ORGANIZATION. DESIRES
TO GO ON RECORD AS HAVING VOLUNTARILY CONTRIBUTED FUNDS FOR THE DEFENSE
OF ALGER HISS. NO LEADS BEING SET OUT BY PHILA OFFICE

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JAN. TEN, FORTYNINE TO ALL SACS RE THIS INVESTIGATION. REVIEW OF CORRESPON-
DENCE BETWEEN ALGER HISS AND MRS. WALTER LOUCHMEIN REFLECTS THAT IN LETTER
DATED NOV. SEVENTEEN, FORTYEIGHT HISS STATES QUOTE AS SOON AS I GOT YOUR
MEMORANDA ABOUT A NATIONAL DOCUMENTARY FILM LEAGUE I SENT IT ON TO RUTH
INGLIS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, WHO, YOU WILL RECALL, IS WORKING
WITH US ON A SURVEY DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL SUBJECTS UNQUOTE. INTERVIEW
INGLIS FOR TYPING SPECIMENS RECEIVED FROM HISS WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED
FBI LAB FOR COMPARISON QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS INSTANT CASE. INGLIS SHOULD BE
ASKED IF VISITED HISS HOME AND NOTED ANY TYPEWRITERS. NAMES OF HISS ASSOCIATES
AND FRIENDS SHOULD BE SECURED AND THEY INTERVIEWED. IF INGLIS KNEW HISS
PRIOR TO NINETEEN THIRTYNINE SHE SHOULD BE ASKED IF KNEW WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL. PERJURY, ESP. R.
RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE, JAN. THIRTEEN, LAST. SUGGEST BALTIMORE OBTAIN
SPECIMENS OF THE TYPEWRITER OWNED BY MISS LUCY HISS FOR SUBMISSION
TO FBI LABORATORY.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To:

January 27, 1949

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These follow the report of the FBI laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 24, 1946.

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John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested by:

Reference

Examination requested:

Specimens:

statements which were furnished
on 1/14/68 containing photographs, two of which
are from the same originals as the above photographs.

1-2815 envelope bearing typewritten address to Mr. William H. Miller, Veterans Administration Bureau, 2210 N. Highland, Virginia, postmarked
1-28-68 NEW YORK, N.Y. 1-17 7 216 1-68.

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 envelope bearing typewritten address to W. Anne Administration, Branch
 Office No. 1, Business Court, Collinsville, Maryland, dated
 postmarked NEW YORK, NY, MAY 26 1947.

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Application for National Service also interesting, number 10,500,371

Examination began on November 6, 1946, to Robert A. Smith, "Witness
following is transcript of the examination of Smith on 11/17/46."

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- Kc301 Photograph of an Application for Naturalization, dated November 23, 1946, on Veterans Administration Form 303a, bearing handprinting of ~~WILLIAM~~ ~~WILLIAM~~ ~~WILLIAM~~, which was contained in the above film pack.
- Kc302 Photograph of Veterans Administration Check of Address Form 039, dated November 23, 1946, bearing handprinting of ~~WILLIAM~~ ~~WILLIAM~~ ~~WILLIAM~~, which was contained in the above film pack.

Result of Examination:

The photostats submitted and listed above as Kc205 through Kc227 are from the same originals as photostats previously submitted with an Investigative Report from the Atlanta office dated January 7, 1947.

The film pack submitted when developed was found to consist of photographs of the original evidence that Kc205 through Kc227 are photostats of. In addition there were developed photographs of specimens listed above as Kc301 and Kc302. Specimens Kc301 and Kc302 showing handprinting of ~~WILLIAM~~ ~~WILLIAM~~ ~~WILLIAM~~ are retained for possible future comparison.

The typewriting on Kc205 through Kc227 was not typed by the machine that typed Q5 or the machine that typed Q6 through Q67.

The submitted evidence is retained in the files of the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 11, 1949

FROM : SAC, Atlanta

REGISTERED

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was, ET AL
 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

ATTN: MECHANICAL SECTION, FBI LABORATORY

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Retel from WFO, 1/3/49.

Referenced teletype requested that the Atlanta Field Office review Veterans Administration file pertaining to National Service Life Insurance of TIMOTHY HOBSON, stepson of ALGER HISS, and obtain photostatic copies of typewritten correspondence from HOBSON for submission to FBI Laboratory for comparison of known specimens of ALGER HISS' typewriter.

In accordance with this request, the following documents were photostated and two (2) copies each are being forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison with the known specimens from ALGER HISS' typewriter:

Two (2) photostatic copies of Application For National Service Life Insurance of TIMOTHY HOBSON.

Good
 DEFERRED RECORDING

Two (2) photostatic copies letter dated November 6, 1946 to RALPH W. BEESON.

Two (2) photostatic copies of envelope addressed to RALPH W. BEESON, postmarked November 7, 1946.

Two (2) photostatic copies of letter addressed to Veterans Administration, dated November 26, 1946.

Two (2) photostatic copies of envelope addressed to Veterans Administration, postmarked November 26, 1946 at New York.

There is also being forwarded, under separate cover, one package of exposed film, containing two shots each, of the following documents made 1/10 Sec. at F.11.

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Director, FBI

January 11, 1949

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was; ET AL
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- (1) Letter dated November 26, 1946 to Veterans Administration, Richmond, beginning; "I am in receipt of your form letter....."
- (2) Envelope addressed to Veterans Administration Richmond, November 26, 1946, at New York.
- (3) Letter dated November 6, 1946 from TIMOTHY HOBSON, 554 W. 113 Street, New York, beginning, "Following my discharge..."
- (4) Envelope addressed to RALPH W. BEESON, Veterans Administration Office No. 4, Richmond, post-marked, November 7, 1946 at New York.
- (5) Veterans Administration Form 3538, Application For Reinstatement bearing signature of TIMOTHY HOBSON, dated November 26, 1946.
- (6) Application for National Service Life Insurance dated May 11, 1944, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, signed TIMOTHY HOBSON (1 shot only)
- (7) Veterans Administration Form 889, change of address, dated 11/26/46 at New York

It is requested that this package of film be developed and turned over to the appropriate section of the Laboratory for comparison with known specimens from HISS' typewriter. The results should be furnished the New York Office.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ALGER HISS ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.
RENYLET JANUARY FOURTEEN. COMPARISON OF CONNECTIONS, HANDWRITING,
SPELLING, TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, ETC. IN KINGS WITH THOSE IN SIXTYFIVE
QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS FAILED TO DISCLOSE INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERISTICS
OR HABITS SUFFICIENT FOR A CONCLUSION IDENTIFYING OR ELIMINATING HISS.
HILL AS PERSON WHO TYPED QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS.

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J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, W.A.S., ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.

CIVIL SERVICE APPLICATION DATED NOVEMBER TWENTY FIFTH, FORTY TWO,

COMPLETED BY PHILIP RENO LISTS THE FOLLOWING AS HIS SUPERVISORS WHILE

WITH SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD, WASHINGTON, DC. W. E. CHAMBERS, CHIEF

RESEARCH DIVISION NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, FORTY ONE. DR. MAX FREYD, CHIEF

OF PERSONNEL ANALYSIS SECTION NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, THIRTY SEVEN. DR.

ERNEST J. ENGQUIST, ASST. CHIEF RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL. WFO WILL LOCATE

AND INTERVIEW. SAME APPLICATION LISTS A LT. COL. ALBERT H. ARONSON, U. S.

ARMY, NO ADDRESS, AS A REFERENCE. ST. LOUIS WILL ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE RECORD

AND IDENTIFY. SHOULD WFO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION RE ARONSON IN

INVESTIGATION OF PHILIP RENO NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY ONE, ADVISE ST.

LOUIS. ARONSON POSSIBLY STILL IN ARMY.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
REWASHFIELDTel JANUARY FOURTEEN LAST. JOHN GRAFF, PRESENT USA
FOR DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA, ADVISED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED IN THE
BENEFITS CONTRACT SECTION OF US DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE FROM JANUARY,
THIRTYFOUR TO OCTOBER, THIRTYNINE AND ALGER HISS WAS CHIEF OF THE
BENEFITS CONTRACT SECTION FROM JANUARY, THIRTYFOUR TO MARCH,
THIRTYFIVE. GRAFF STATED THAT HE HAS NO INFORMATION IN REGARD TO
HISS-S MEMBERSHIP IN CP UNDERGROUND IN WASHINGTON, DC. HE STATED
HE TALKED TO ALGER HISS ONLY ON TWO OCCASIONS DURING THE ABOVE
PERIOD OF TIME AND THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS WERE IN REGARD TO
ASSIGNMENT OF WORK IN THE BENEFITS CONTRACT SECTION OF THE AGRI-
CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THAT HE HAD NO SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH HISS OR
HIS ASSOCIATES. GRAFF ADVISED THAT ASSOCIATES OF ALGER HISS AT THAT
TIME WERE JEROME FRANK, THEN GENERAL COUNSEL, AAA, NOW CIRCUIT JUDGE,
COURT OF APPEALS, SECOND CIRCUIT. ROBERT MC CONNAUGHEY, THEN ASST.

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Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Mumford	
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CHIEF OF BENEFITS CONTRACT SECTION, NOW A MEMBER OF SECURITY EXCHANGE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, DC. FRANCIS M. ~~S~~SHEA, THEN CHIEF OF OPINION SECTION, AGRICULTURE DEPT., LATER ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CHARGE OF CLAIMS DIVISION, NOW BELIEVED TO BE IN WASHINGTON, DC. ELLIOT ~~M~~MOYER, THEN IN BENEFITS CONTRACT SECTION, LATER IN ANTITRUST DIVISION, US DEPT. OF JUSTICE, NOW BELIEVED TO BE PRACTICING LAW IN WASHINGTON, DC. LEE ~~P~~PRESSMAN, THEN IN GENERAL COUNSELS OFFICE, LATER GENERAL COUNSEL FOR CIO AT WASHINGTON, DC. MR. GRAFF STATED THE ABOVE PERSONS WERE ON VERY FRIENDLY TERMS WITH ALGER HISS AND MAY BE IN A POSITION TO FURNISH INFORMATION IN REGARD TO HISS. MR. GRAFF STATED THAT IN MARCH, NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE THERE WAS SOME TROUBLE BETWEEN HISS AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN THE GENERAL COUNSELS OFFICE AND THE ADMINISTRATORS OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS THEN HEADED BY CHESTER C. DAVIS, NOW BELIEVED TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL LAND BANK IN ST LOUIS, MO., AND THAT AS RESULT OF THIS TROUBLE, THE GENERAL COUNSELS OFFICE IN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WAS ABOLISHED AND FRANK, HISS, SHEA, PRESSMAN AND OTHERS WERE FIRED. MR. GRAFF BELIEVED THE WASHINGTON NEWSPAPER, THE WASHINGTON HERALD,

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CARRIED AN ARTICLE IN REGARD TO THIS DISPUTE IN MARCH, NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE. MR. GRAFF ADVISED THAT HUGH J. BOIL, WHO WAS THEN AN ATTORNEY IN THE BENEFITS CONTRACT SECTION, HAD NO TIME FOR ALGER HISS AND HIS ASSOCIATES. THAT MR. BOIL IS NOW PRACTICING LAW IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA. MR. GRAFF ADVISED THAT THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE OF FEBRUARY, NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR, CARRIED AN ARTICLE ENTITLED QUOTE UNCLE SAM GROWS YOUNGER UNQUOTE BY BEVERLY ~~SMITH~~ WHICH ARTICLE MENTIONS ALGER HISS. THIS INFORMATION VERIFIED. CINCINNATI WILL CONTACT THE CROWELL COLLIER PUBLISHING COMPANY AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO AND SECURE COPIES OF THIS ARTICLE TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU AND NEW YORK OFFICE. IF THE ABOVE PERSONS MENTIONED BY MR. GRAFF HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONTACTED, THE NEW YORK OFFICE WILL BY TELETYPE REQUEST THAT THEY BE INTERVIEWED PROMPTLY. REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ALGER HISS, ET AL. PERJURY, ESP-R. RE SAN FRAN LET TO BUREAU DATED JAN. FIVE, LAST. LET FROM WASH FLD TO BUREAU DATED JAN. SEVEN, LAST, TEL FROM NEW HAVEN JAN. TWELVE, LAST. SUGGEST SAN FRAN RECONTACT JOHN ALFRED SUTRO AND ASCERTAIN IF HIS WIFE, WHOSE MAIDEN NAME IS ELIZABETH LAWRENCE HISS, IS RELATED TO ALGER HISS. IT IS NOT BELIEVED NECESSARY FOR NEW HAVEN TO CONTACT MARJORIE B. HISS AT THIS TIME.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. RE
BALTOEL TO WASHINGTON, JANUARY FIVE, LAST. DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION RE WOODSTOCK
TYPEWRITER NUMBER FIVE N TWO TWO TWO NINE FOUR TWO, AS BUREAU INSTRUCTS TYPEWRITER
SEARCH BE LIMITED TO MACHINES BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS FROM ONE FOUR FIVE THOUSAND
TO TWO NAUGHT FOUR THOUSAND. LIKEWISE DISCONTINUE ON ANY OTHER REQUESTS WHERE
SERIAL NUMBERS DO NOT FALL IN THIS RANGE. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT THIS OFFICE
ADVISES THAT ONE AGNES CRAFT OF CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND, TOGETHER WITH ONE JANE,
USED ALGER HISS' AUTOMOBILE FOR A TRIP TO THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND. JANE
HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HILDA W. SMITH, AKA JANE SMITH, AFFILIATED WITH CAPITAL
CITY FORUM, WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION, WASHINGTON YOUTH COUNCIL,
WASHINGTON BOOKSHOP, AND AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY. BALTIMORE
REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW AGNES CRAFT, CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND, FOR ANY INFO SHE MAY BE
ABLE TO GIVE CONCERNING THE ALLEGED ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF ALGER HISS, ANY
ASSOCIATIONS OF HISS WITH WHOM SHE MAY BE FAMILIAR, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO
WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ANY TYPED COMMUNICATIONS SHE MAY HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE HISSSES,
AND ANY KNOWLEDGE SHE MAY HAVE OF ANY TYPEWRITERS EVER OWNED BY THE HISSSES, PAST
OR PRESENT.

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CC - New York by Mail

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DIRECTOR, SACS NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON FIELD URGENT
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, IS - R.,
ESPIONAGE - R. RENYTEL JANUARY TWELFTH REGARDING DON ~~TILGHMAN~~. MRS.
WILLIAM H. DE COURCY TILGHMAN, BALTIMORE, SISTER-IN-LAW OF DON ADVISED
TODAY THAT DON PRESENTLY RESIDING IN APARTMENT AT ONE FOUR FOUR EAST
FORTY FIFTH ST., NYC, TELEPHONE VANDERBILT SIX DASH FOUR ONE FOUR
SEVEN. SUGGEST WFO FURNISH BACKGROUND INFO ON TILGHMAN FROM STATE
DEPARTMENT RECORDS, REQUESTED IN REFTEL TO NYC TO FACILITATE THEIR
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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NYC

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP R. NEW YORK STATE TAX RETURNS NINETEEN FORTYTHREE - NINETEEN FORTYSIX EXAMINED ON FELIX ~~INS~~LERMAN. RETURNS OFFERED NO INFO OF VALUE WITH THIS EXCEPTION. RETURNS FOR NINETEEN FORTYTHREE THROUGH NINETEEN FORTYFIVE DISCLOSED OWNERSHIP OF TWO CARS DURING THIS TIME - ONE FORD, ONE CHEVROLET. INSLERMAN DEDUCTED LICENSE PLATES AND FEDERAL USE STAMP TAX FEES THOSE YEARS. WHEN INTERVIEWED NEVER ADMITTED OWNING TWO CARS. IF QUESTIONED GRAND JURY RE CARS CONCEL ^H SOURCE OF INFO AS TAX FILES CAN ONLY BE DISCLOSED IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS RE INCOME TAX VIOLATION.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, III - R. RE PHILIP RENO.
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CONTAIN DOCUMENTS DATED NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR, THIRTYFIVE, AND FORTYTWO,
RESPECTIVELY, GIVING DATE OF BIRTH AS JUNE TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN ELEVEN, AT
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO. SOCIAL SECURITY FILE CONTAINS DOCUMENTS DATED NINETEEN
THIRTYEIGHT AND FORTY, ALSO GIVING ABOVE DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH. HOWEVER,
SS FILE ALSO CONTAINS DOCUMENTS DATED NINETEEN THIRTYSIX AND FORTYFIVE, WHICH
REFLECT DATE OF BIRTH AS JUNE TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN THIRTEEN, IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO.
PERTINENT FILES OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO REFLECT HE WAS BORN MAY FOURTEEN,
NINETEEN ELEVEN, AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFO NY OFFICE
AND CC FURNISHED BUTTE VIA AIRMAIL. BUTTE WILL NOT CHECK ABOVE BIRTH DATE
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DIRECTOR AND SACS NY AND NEW HAVEN

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, IS
DASH R. RETEL DIRECTOR, NY AND NEW HAVEN JANUARY THIRTEEN LAST.
INVESTIGATION AT PETERBOROUGH, N. H. REFLECTS WHITE FRAME HOTEL NAMED
THE TAVERN LOCATED MAIN STREET, PETERBOROUGH, N. H. MATTHEW L.
CAVANAUGH PROPRIETER IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN ADVISES NINETEEN THIRTY
SEVEN GUEST REGISTRATIONS LEFT WITH SUCCEEDING OWNER AT THE TAVERN,
CHARLES BISHOP. THE PRESENT OWNER ALBERT BATES, AND FORMER OWNER,
CAVANAUGH, MADE A SEARCH AT THE TAVERN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NEW
HAVEN WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHARLES BISHOP OF NEW HAVEN, CONN.
WHO WAS AN ARMY CAPTAIN DURING WORLD WAR TWO, TO ASCERTAIN IF HE HAS
NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN REGISTRATIONS IN HIS POSSESSION. IF SO WILL
CHECK PERTINENT PERIOD FOR POSSIBLE REGISTRATION OF HISS AND CHAMBERS
AT THIS HOTEL, AND WILL ADVISE BOSTON OF THE RESULTS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS ET AL, ESPIONAGE DASH R, PERJURY. REBUTEL
JAN. TEN, NINETEEN FORTYNINE TO ALL SACS RE INVESTIGATION THIS CASE. REVIEW
OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN ALGER HISS AND MRS. WALTER LOUCHHEIM REFLECTS THAT
IN SEPT., FORTYEIGHT HISS STATED THAT AFTER RECEIVING A MEMO ABOUT A NATIONAL
DOCUMENTARY FILM LEAGUE FROM MRS. LOUCHHEIM HE HAD SENT IT TO RUTH INGLIS AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON WHO HAD REPLIED THAT SHE WAS SENDING A COPY TO
EASTON. HISS EXPLAINED THAT QUOTE EASTON IS EASTON ROTHWELL, THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF THE HOOVER INSTITUTE AT STANFORD, WHO IS COLLABORATING WITH US
IN THE MOVIE SURVEY UNQUOTE. INTERVIEW ROTHWELL FOR ANY TYPING SPECIMENS
RECEIVED FROM HISS WHICH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO FBI LAB FOR COMPARISON
QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS INSTANT CASE. ROTHWELL SHOULD BE ASKED IF VISITED HISS
HOME AND NOTED ANY TYPEWRITERS. NAMES OF HISS ASSOCIATES AND FRIENDS SHOULD
BE SECURED AND THEY INTERVIEWED. IF ROTHWELL KNEW HISS PRIOR TO NINETEEN
THIRTYNINE SHE SHOULD BE ASKED IF KNEW WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. WILL INTERVIEW PETER JOHN CASWELL, FORMER ROOMMATE OF TIMOTHY HOBSON IN NYC, NINETEENFORTYSIX, SON OF PRISCILLA HISS BY A PRIOR MARRIAGE, NOW EMPLOYED BY ADVERTISING DEPT. CONDE NAST PUBLICATIONS, ONE THREE ZERO TWO WRIGLEY BUILDING, CHICAGO, CONCERNING ANY TYPEWRITTEN COMMUNICATION IN HIS POSSESSION FROM TIMOTHY HOBSON, AND FORWARD SAME TO BUREAU FOR COMPARISON WITH KNOWN SPECIMENS OF THIS CASE. SUTEL RESULTS.

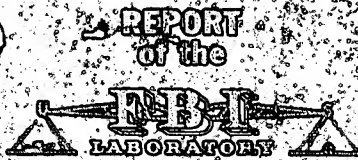
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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January 17, 1949

SAC, Washington

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 17, 1949.

Re:

J. D. TRISTANER CHARLERS
with aliases, et al
Perjury; Espionage - R
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
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Examination requested:

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Specimens:

- 1304 Typewritten letter on letterhead of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, dated August 21, 1948, beginning "Dear Mr. HARRIS, Thanks for your...", signed in ink "A. B. HARRIS", to Mr. FRED HARRIS, 1200 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.
- 1305 Typewritten letter on letterhead of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, dated August 21, 1948, beginning "Dear Mr. SAYRE: Mr. HARRIS asked me to...", signed in ink "A. B. SAYRE", to Mr. FRED SAYRE, 1200 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type 1304 and 1305 was not used to type 1306 through 1308. It was also concluded that 1304 and 1305 was not typed on the machine which was used to type 1306.

Specimens of the evidence had to be returned to the Washington Field office to be photographed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attn: FBI Laboratory

DATE: January 17, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Attached herewith for comparison with questioned documents in instant case, are two typewriting specimens described as a letter dated August 21, 1948 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace addressed to "Dear Mr. SAVOY" and signed E. B. SAYRE; and letter bearing the same letterhead dated August 31, 1948, addressed to "Dear PREW", and signed "ALGER".

Upon completion of the requested examination, these two specimens should be returned to the Washington Field Office for proper disposal.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, RE NY TEL JAN. ELEVEN, LAST. FRIEDRICK AUGUST KUEPPERS, NOT PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, MARYLAND DRYDOCK CORP., FAIRFIELD, BALTIMORE, MD., RECALLED INSLERMAN AS MINOR EMPLOYEE OF GLENN L. MARTIN PLANT, BALTIMORE, AND LATER AT REPUBLIC AVIATION CORP., FARMINGDALE, N. Y. WHOSE ABILITIES LIMITED TO SIMPLE LAYOUT WORK EQUIVALENT TO A TRACING JOB. KUEPPERS UNABLE TO EXPLAIN WHY INSLERMAN LISTED HIM AS REFERENCE SINCE HE KNEW NOTHING OF HIS BACKGROUND. KUEPPERS COMMENTED THAT INSLERMAN APPEARED TO BE A HARD WORKER, EAGER TO LEARN, BUT LACKING IN EDUCATION.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP R. REMYTEL JAN FOURTEEN. BELIEVE CHECK DEPOSITED BY FELIX SEPT TWENTYONE, FORTYTHREE IN LINDERHURST BANK FOR SIX HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS GIVEN BY HORNING IN REPAYMENT OF LOAN. INSLERMANS LENT MONEY TO HORNING'S FOR PURCHASE OF HORNING-S FARM AS STATED IN MYTEL JAN FOURTEEN. THIS WILL BE VERIFIED UPON REINTERVIEW OF HORNING'S. HORNING'S NAMED IRMA DEARSTYNE, NEE GRIKE, AS MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCE. DEARSTYNE INTERVIEWED AT INTERNATIONAL GE, SCHENECTADY, WHERE EMPLOYED. DEARSTYNE STATES IN NINETEEN THIRTYTWO - THIRTYFOUR SHE ATTENDED BUSINESS SCHOOL IN NYC AND LIVED AT MILDRED HORNING'S HOME. DEARSTYNE OF LATVIAN PARENTAGE. DEARSTYNE, TOGETHER WITH MILDRED AND ELIZABETH INSLERMAN, USED TO ATTEND DANCES AT THE LATVIAN OR ESTHONIAN CLUB. CLUB PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED MYTEL JAN FOURTEEN DEARSTYNE BELIEVED CLUB ORIGINALLY AROUND FORTYSEVENTH ST. OR SEVENTY EIGHTH ST AND LATER MOVED TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH ST. DEARSTYNE RECALLS MEETING FELIX AT CLUB AND STATES HE PLAYED STRING INSTRUMENT IN ORCHESTRA AND ATTENDED SCHOOL AT TIME.

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DEARSTYNE BELIEVES CLUB MAY HAVE BEEN CALLED "LABOR DEFENDERS."

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DEARSTYNE RETURNED SCHENECTADY NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE BUT HAS EXCHANGED CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WITH INSLERMANS SINCE THEN. ELIZABETH INSLERMAN HAS SPENT SOMESUMMERS AT DEARSTYNE-S MOTHER-S FARM IN SCHOHARIE, NY. DEARSTYNE STATES FELIX HAD JOB AS CHAUFFEUR AROUND NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE BUT COULD RECALL NO MORE. INSLERMAN AT TIME OF INTERVIEW DEC TWENTY THREE STATED HE WAS EMPLOYED AS CHAUFFEUR WORKING FOR PERSON IN NYC BUT EITHER COULD NOT OR WOULD WOULD NOT GIVE ANY OTHER DETAILS REGARDING NAME OR ADDRESS BY WHOM EMPLOYED. BELIEVED FELIX STILL EMPLOYED AS CHAUFFEUR WHEN HE WENT TO BALTIMORE. HORNINGS STATE FELIX EMPLOYED AS CHAUFFEUR DURING THAT TIME BECAUSE THEY RECALL HIM WORKING MANY NIGHTS. CANNOT OFFER ANY OTHER DETAILS. DEARSTYNE CLAIMS HER IMPRESSION IS THAT FELIX TRAVELED A GOOD DEAL AS CHAUFFEUR. DEARSTYNE NEVER VISITED INSLERMANS IN BALTIMORE BUT BELIEVES THEY HAD A MALE BOARDER WHILE LIVING THERE AND HE WORKED WITH FELIX. ALSO STATES IN MAY, THIRTYNINE MILDRED HORNING AND THE INSLERMANS DROVE TO SCHENECTADY TO GET HER TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO CALIFORNIA WHERE THEY WERE TOURING DURING FELIX-S TWO WEEKS VACATION. FELIX WAS GOING TO LOOK FOR WORK THERE. DEARSTYNE DID NOT MAKE TRIP. DURING INTERVIEW OF FELIX DEC TWENTYTHREE HE DENIED HE HAD EVER TRAVELED ANYWHERE IN U. S. DEARSTYNE NAMED LOUIS LOO, KARL AMATNEEK AND RICHARD LOTUS AS CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF FELIX WHO POSSIBLY COULD OFFER MORE INFO. DEARSTYNE COULD NOT OFFER ANY

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BETTER INDICATION OF THEIR ADDRESS THAN SET OUT MYTEL JAN FOURTEEN.
DEARSTYNE OR HORNINGS NEVER HEARD OF COLONEL BORIS~~X~~BYKOV. BOTH BELIEVE
BOTH BELIEVE LOO, LOTUS AND AMATNEEK COULD OFFER INFO RE FELIX-S EMPLOYMENT^T
THAT PERIOD. AGENTS OPINION FELIX CONTACT WITH RUSSIANS AROSE OUT OF
ESTHONIAN OR LATVIAN CLUB AND CONTACTS. DEARSTYNE AND HORNINGS SEEM
COOPERATIVE AND WOULD TESTIFY IF REQUESTED.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL, PERJURY, ESP DASH R.
CHAMBERS NOT INTERVIEWED TODAY IN VIEW OF FACT HE DESIRED THIS TIME
TO HANDLE INCOME TAX MATTERS IN WESTMINSTER, MD. CHAMBERS INTERVIEW
WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW MORNING.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

January 17, 1949

SAC, New York

Transmit the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on January 24, 1949.

Re:

JAY EISEN, NUTALLA GARDING
with aliases, et al
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination requested:

Letter dated 1-13-49

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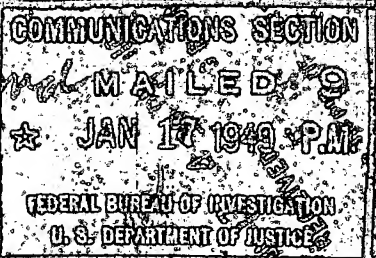
Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type 1500
was not used to type 1500 through 1509. It was also concluded that 1500 was not
typed on the machine which was used to type 1500.

The submitted evidence is retained in the files of the Bureau.

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DATE: January 13, 1949

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Enclosed herewith are typewritten specimens of Woodstock Typewriter serial number N 238067. These specimens were secured by SA WILLIAM B. HERSHEY from the typewriter owned by Mrs. ANNA T. CLARK, 389 Mulry Lane, Lawrence, New York. Mrs. CLARK advised that the typewriter was left at her home by Mr. JAMES GRAY in August, 1947.

It is desired that these specimens be compared with the known and questioned specimens on file at the Bureau and that the results of this examination be made known to this office. In the event it is ascertained these typewritten specimens are not identical with the known or questioned documents, these specimens may be destroyed at the Bureau.

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TEL JAN. FOURTEEN LAST REQUESTING INFORMATION ON RENO. WHITTAKER
CHAMBERS ALLEGED FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO SUPPLIED DOCUMENTS TO HIM ON
FIVE OCCASIONS IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. CHAMBERS KNEW RENO AS LANCE
CLARK. RENO KNEW CHAMBERS AS CARL, HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED TO HIM
BY ONE BERNIE IN PHILA. JUNE, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. RENO EMPLOYED
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, ABERDEEN, MARYLAND AS MATHEMATICIAN FROM
NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN TO FORTYSEVEN, WHEN HE WAS GRANTED EXTENDED SICK
LEAVE. RENO ADMITS JOINING CP IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA NINETEEN THIRTY
FIVE WHILE STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. ALSO ACTED AS CP ORGAN-
IZER IN WASHINGTON, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX. RENO ADMITTED MEETING CHAMBERS
ABOUT FIVE TIMES IN LATE NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN OR EARLY NINETEEN THIRTY
EIGHT AND TURNED OVER TO HIM RESTRICTED DATA ON MILITARY ORDNANCE.
RENO CLAIMS HE CEASED ALL CP ACTIVITY AND ESP. ACTIVITY IN LATE NINE-
TEEN THIRTYSEVEN OR EARLY NINETEEN THIRTY. RENO CHARACTERIZED BY
EMPLOYEES AND SUPERVISORS AS BRILLIANT MATHEMATICIAN BUT AN ECCEN-

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TRIC PERSONALITY. HE COLLABORATED WITH PROFESSOR EDWARD MC SHANE AND JOHN L. KELLEY, FORMER EMPLOYEES AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, IN WRITING BOOK ENTITLED, "EXTERIOR BALLISTICS UP TO NINETEEN FORTY FIVE." PHILIP RENO, BROTHER OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO, ALSO ADMITS FORMER ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN CP IN COLORADO. FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO BORN MAY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN ELEVEN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. INVESTIGATION ENDEAVORING TO DEVELOP FURTHER CP AND ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO WHILE EMPLOYEE AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, PARTICULARLY IN POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL FROM BALLISTICS RESEARCH LABORATORY WHERE RENO WAS EMPLOYED SINCE NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN.

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TEL JANUARY TWELFTH LAST CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVITIES OF FELIX
INSLERMAN DURING PERIOD FROM JAN., NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE TO MARCH,
NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. ALBANY ADVISES THAT COUSIN OF ELIZABETH INSLER-
MAN, ONE EUGENE HOERTH, BELIEVED TO BE RESIDENT OF CLIFTON PARK,
NEW JERSEY, FRIENDLY WITH INSLERMANS AND BELIEVED TO HAVE VISITED
THEM AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. NEWARK ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
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